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YANGTSE TROUBLE.

**Anti-British Agitators
Kept Out.**

IMPROVEMENT AT CHUNGKING.

**Hankow Processions Diverted By
Chinese Troops.**

Hankow, October 11.
There were large processions in
Hankow yesterday (Sunday) but
these were diverted by Chinese
troops and were prevented from
entering the Concession without
difficulty. There was no distur-
bance of any kind.
H.M.S. "Cockchafer" the S.S.
"Wantung" and S.S. "Wanhien"
have arrived in Hankow.
They have come from up the river
following the negotiations which
followed the taking possession of
the two B. and S. boats by General
Yang Sen.

Chungking is quieter. Supplies
have been obtainable during the
last two days and local officials
have promised to afford protection.
The outlook in Szechuan province
is, however, uncertain at present.

Still Firing at Ships.
[Chungking is the last British
port up the Yangtse in
Szechuan province, and has suffered
much as the result of intense feel-
ing among the Chinese following
the Wanhien incident, demonstra-
tions having been held outside for-
eign residences, which were
threatened, and hillside bungalows
had to be hurriedly evacuated by
foreign residents.]

There have been a few cases of
desultory firing at passing ships at
Shasi and Hwangchow. Both
ports are believed to be held by
the southerners.

How the Ships Returned.

Ichang, October 1.
The "Wanhien" arrived back in
port a few days ago. Her Chief
Officer Mr. Johnstone, and Chief
Engineer Mr. Kerr went up to
Kueifu for her and brought her
down.

General Yang Sen made
use of her as he did of the
"H. Ling" an American
ship, and of three flying the French
flag, to bring down what looks more
like a horde of roughs than what
they claim to be—soldiers. They
were from Kueifu and Wushan
only.

The main army, following Yang
Sen are said to be coming down
from "Wanhien," but just to-day
news has come through that the
troops favouring the south have
started to attack Yang Sen, so they
may be kept nearer home.

Wanton Destruction.
The "Wanhien" shows much
evidence of the attack made on
her, and like the "Wantung" much
sign of wanton destruction.

The British gunboats "Mantis,"
"Tern" and "Widgeon" accompa-
nyed by the "Kinwa" have left for
river. A rise in the river made it
possible for the larger of the gun-
boats to go up. The "Bee" with
Rear-Admiral Cameron on board,
the "Cricket," and the "Cock-
chafer" are still here. Mr. A. P.
Slunt, the British Consul for
Ichang, has gone up river on the
"Mantis" to continue the negotia-
tions over the "Wanhien" attack.

There is much fear amongst the
Chinese that, if Yang Sen arrives
here with his army, he will go no
farther.

The Chamber of Commerce has
already raised \$100,000, and now
a similar sum is demanded.—N. C.
Daily News.

Slow Improvement.

Shanghai, October 8.
Conditions at ports on the upper
Yangtse, recently swept by serious
anti-British demonstrations which
led to the evacuation of Chung-
king by the British community are
reported to be slowly improving,
according to reports received in
Shanghai yesterday.

Anti-British agitation is reported
to be still proceeding but no
serious incident is reported.—
"Shanghai Times."

And Then Worse?

Peking, Oct. 11.
The position of the foreigners
in Szechuan has become worse. A
rigid anti-British boycott in
Chungking and Wanhien is being
maintained by agitators who are
striving to extend a similar boy-
cott to Chengtu and elsewhere.

Chinese are also threatening
the missionaries at the mission
stations in various cities in Sze-
chuan, particularly in Chengtu.—
Reuter.

CANTON'S MANIFESTO. BOYCOTT SETTLED: BUT STRIKE NOT OVER!

PRESENT KUOMINTANG POLICY DEFINED.

Blockade of Hong Kong Given Up—Intensified Struggle Continues.

NATIONALIST GOVERNMENT SILENT: PICKET & COMMITTEE TO REMAIN.

A long official announcement by the Canton Government makes two statements of fact which are of the utmost importance from the point of view of "settlement of the boycott." These are:—

A bureau of the government (the Canton Information Bureau) says categorically:—the Strike Committee called off the boycott.

In a declaration, the Strike Committee emphasises:—Therefore, we cannot say that the Canton and Hong Kong strike is settled.

The Nationalist Government has issued no proclamation.

The Kuomintang declaration lays stress on:—the giving up of the policy of direct boycott and the blockade of Hong Kong. But this same declaration, in a mass of political and other utterances, gives prominence to "intensification of the struggle against imperialism." It is noteworthy that the strikers specifically refer to Hong Kong and the Kuomintang does not.

Latest reports on the situation to-day appear below, revealing the effect of Sunday's decision.

OFFICIAL MANIFESTO.

**Full Details of Declarations
in Canton.**

The following despatch has been sent by the Canton Information Bureau (a Government institution), via Reuter:—

Canton, Oct. 11.
At a great gathering at the East
Prade ground yesterday at noon
the Strike Committee called off the
boycott.

In this connection two Declara-
tions have been issued:—one by the
Strike Committee and the other by
the Kuomintang addressed to the
general body of Hong Kong and
Canton strikers.

The Nationalist Government has
issued no statement, the boycott
being a patriotic popular movement
under the leadership of the Strike
Committee as the elected executive
of the general body of the strikers.

Specified Policy.

The general sense of the Declara-
tions is that though the specific
struggle which has found expres-
sion in the boycott was directly
caused by the Shanghai massacre
of May 30 and the Shamen-Shake
massacre of June 23, the same is
but a part of the general nationalist
struggle against imperialism.
Owing to fundamental change in the
national situation brought about by
an extension of Nationalist power
and influence to the Yangtse, there
is necessity to change the techni-
que of the specific struggle and to
resort to a new policy as well as
to propaganda in order to make the
people of the whole country realise
the semi-colonial status of China
and lead them to join the active
anti-imperialist movement whose
aim and purpose is the liberation
of Nationalist China from unequal
Treaties and the redress of wrongs.

Struggle Not Ended.

After a review of the national
revolutionary movement in China
the Kuomintang Declaration to the
strikers emphasises that "the giv-
ing up of the policy of direct boy-
cott and the blockade of Hong
Kong" (which is a specific struggle)
does not mean the cessation of the
general struggle of Chinese Na-
tionalism against imperialism but
its intensification "on a na-
tional scale until the independence
of China is completely secured."

Argument is developed by com-
paring Kwangtung to "one wing of
a wide front and this one wing has
advanced very far while the rest
of the front is not yet in a posi-
tion for a similar advance.....
Kwangtung."

Therefore, although successful in
the anti-imperialist struggle is
arresting its advance in order to
concentrate its efforts in different
directions in accordance with a new
policy.

[Note: The above sentence is
obviously mutilated in trans-
mission.]

Victory, Not Defeat.

This policy which is now being
carried out with the same spirit of
self-discipline and self-sacrifice as
was the advance is not a defeat but
a great victory.

What is the new policy? Briefly,
it means to consolidate the revolu-
tionary base in Kwangtung, in other
words, to consolidate the people's
movement and make it a base for
political and economic development,
to improve local and provincial ad-
ministration, to build ports and
roads, to improve the living condi-
tions of the workers, peasants,
teachers, merchants, etc., to destroy
banditry and make the political
liberty of the people secure—all
this means to make the national re-
volutionary base in Kwangtung so

strong that no aggression by im-
perialists could affect us.

About the Future.

But, this is not all. The new
policy means a widening and streng-
thening of the National revolu-
tionary base in other Provinces so
that they can join in the active
anti-imperialist front. The new
policy means that much effort must
be used in the re-establishment and
strengthening of the people's or-
ganisations throughout the country
and in securing revolutionary pro-
vincial and district government in
the places which have already been
occupied, or will be occupied in the
future. When all this is done, then
the anti-imperialist front will be-
come unshakable and its final vic-
tory assured. Then the indepen-
dence and liberty of China and the
welfare of the suffering masses will
be secured.

What the Strikers Say.

In the declaration of the Strike
Committee after referring to the
decision to "withdraw voluntarily all
our pickets from various parts at
12 o'clock noon on October 10," they
solemnly declare to the public that
we recognise the new policy as most
suitable to our modern revolution-
ary environment and as the most

CONDITIONS FULFILLED.

Canton, October 11.
On arrival of the China Navi-
gation steamer "Fatshan" here
to-day, she anchored in the
stream.

Passengers went ashore and
cargo was landed without inter-
ference.

All examiners (of the Strike
organisation) have been with-
drawn from boats plying between
Canton and inland ports and cargo
is now released directly after
examination by the Maritime
Customs.—Wah Tsz Yat Po.

effective measure for opposing im-
perialism. We make our resolu-
tion voluntarily; we have not ar-
rived at any settlement with our enemy
and, therefore, are under no obli-
gation to him. We know only the
needs of the National revolution
and the need of the masses. This
alone determines our policy and
actions.

Strike Not Settled.

"Our new policy does not mean
that our anti-British responsibility
ends to-day. Our Strike Committee
and other strike organisations still
exist. On the one hand, the Com-
mittee and the organisations will
look for work for workmen who
have sacrificed their all for the
Strike for fifteen months. On the
other hand, the Committee and or-
ganisations continue the general
and specific struggle against im-
perialist atrocities together with
different classes. Therefore, we
cannot say that the Canton and
Hong Kong strike is settled." In
short, if the gunboat policy of the
British is not changed, the mas-
sacres of May 30 and June 23 not
redressed, our mission is not com-
pleted and the anti-British im-
perialist movement does not come
to an end. Our duty is:—

Resist Imperialists.

(a) To help with all our might
the Northern Expedition to gain
final victory and to secure victory
for the people;

(b) To resist imperialist
without and to eradicate counter-
revolutionaries within in order to
make strong the Kwangtung re-
volutionary base;

(c) To assist in the reor-
ganisation of the Provincial
Government. To establish a

honest and efficient government in
order to make the Government's
policy coincide with its actions.

We must have the people's in-
terests protected and their free-
dom secured;

"Domination of Hong Kong."

(d) To support the opening of
the Whampoa Port and the ex-
tension of the Yueh-han (Canton-
Hankow) Railway as well as the
development of other industries
so that Kwangtung will be deliv-
ered from the domination of
Hong Kong. Then we will con-
solidate our position of economic
independence and have full free-
dom of development;

(e) On the one hand, we shall
strengthen our own forces; and
on the other, we shall co-operate
with all classes of the country
to fight the barbarous policy of
imperialism and to secure the
freedom and independence of
China.

MUCH IMPROVEMENT.

**Chinese Returning to Former
Employers.**

Canton, Oct. 11.
The boycott has been publicly
announced at an and the Strike
Committee have issued a proclama-
tion to this effect.

Chinese are returning to duty
with their former employers and
the situation is much improved.
Arrangements are now being
made for a general resumption of
trade and business, but move-
ments and berthing of steamboats
are handicapped due to the lifting
up of wharves during the strike.

Processions and demonstra-
tions on Sunday, October 10,
passed off peacefully.—Naval
Despatch.

Swatow, Oct. 11.
Strike pickets have been with-
drawn but, pending the return of
two delegates sent to Canton to
ascertain the position, the boycott
is being continued, and no employ-
ees of British are yet allowed to
return.—Naval Despatch.

CONDITIONS TO-DAY.

**River Steamers Resume Trips To
Canton.**

Hundreds of Chinese stood on
the Praya this morning to see if it
was true that communications had
been resumed with Canton.

In addition to British shipping
movements recorded below, the
Tung On S.S. Co.'s "Sai On" left
this morning.

There was no flourish of trumpets
when the long-misled prodigal set
off—after a year's exile on the Hong
Kong-Macao run.

She carried between 200 and 300
passengers but no cargo.

So soon as the "Tung On" comes
out of dock, she will join her sister-
ship.

Waiting for Consul.

On inquiry from the management
the "China Mail" was informed the
"Sai On" would act on instructions
from the British Consul General in
Canton as to whether they should
go alongside their own wharf or
anchor in the stream.

They had also heard that the
river near the wharves had silted
in the interval. (Note: This is con-
firmed by a despatch published by
courtesy of the Naval authorities).

As yet no other "outside" boat
has resumed the run. The "Kwong
Tung" owners wish to take up the
night trip but are waiting for in-
formation as to the examination re-
gulations—during the night on
account of martial law below Wham-
poa.

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WAR MYSTERY.

**Southerners Defeated—
Report.**

KIUKIANG IN THE BALANCE.

**Struggle Being Extended to Two
New Zones.**

[By Our Special Correspondent.]

The fate of Kiukiang is in the
balance.

Marshal Sun Chuan-fang claims
to have repulsed each one of a
series of southern drives on his
main camp but the position is still
obscure.

Details are given in latest des-
patches of small towns re-occu-
pied by Allied troops who say that
they have pushed the Cantonese
away from the northern half of
the railway between Kiukiang
and Te-an.

Further inland from Te-an to
Nanchang, less is known for want
of communication.

The 7th Canton Army appears
to have been used as shock
troops in the offensive of Kiukiang
and is being replaced by the two
famous divisions from the 4th
Army.

Allies on Defence.

Indications are that the south-
erners have not lost their grip on
the situation and that Sun Chuan-
fang is still concentrating on de-
fence of his base at Kiukiang.

On the Fukien-Kwangtung
frontier, the opposing troops are
in the field but fighting is only on
a small scale.

Chinese reports state that Gen-
eral Yang Sen is still anti-Canton
and that he is marching victori-
ously eastwards to attack the
southern bases (on their line of
communication) between Yehow
and Changsha.

Another report which hints at
the war spreading to another new
zone is that from Canton, with
reference to possible developments
in or near Kwangsi.

Yunnanese Invasion?

Canton, Oct. 11.
General Wong Shiu-hung, gov-
ernor of Kwangsi province (with
headquarters at Wuchow) has
cabled a report to the National-
ist Government that Yunnanese
troops are threatening Kwangsi
but have not entered the pro-
vince.

Gen. Fan Shek-sang (pro-
Nationalist mercenary leader)
has proceeded to Pak-sik—Wah
Tsz Yat Po.

Swatow, Oct. 11.
It is reported that the local (Canton-
ese) troops are being drawn
back from the (adjoining) Fukien
border.—Naval Despatch.

KIUKIANG COMPLEX.

**Definite Statement That Town
is Quiet.**

Hankow, Oct. 11.

All is quiet at Kiukiang.—Naval
Despatch.

Shanghai, Oct. 8.

Though various rumours have
been in circulation for the past few
days as to the situation at Ki-
ukiang, the situation remains un-
changed, according to a Kiukiang
message received by the Japanese
Navy this morning.—Toho.

Nanking, Oct. 7.

Out of the 18th Brigade under
the command of General Feng
Shao-ming which are now stationed
at Hsuehien, about 2,000 soldiers
arrived at Pukow, the opposite side
of Hsuehien yesterday and pro-
ceeded to Kiukiang this afternoon
by the China Merchants' Steam
Navigation Company's steamers.—
Toho.

Talk, Then a Halt.

Kiukiang, Oct. 4.

The much talked of western ad-
vance by huge forces of Sun Chuan-
fang's troops through the province
of Kiangsi has come to a sudden
halt.

A slight distance outside of Nan-
chang, towards the west of the city,
they met with the crack troops of
General Chang Kai-shek, and
were badly defeated. Sun's forces
are now being driven back toward
Nanchang.

Authentic reports have been re-
ceived to the effect that the Revo-
lutionary forces are concentrating
south of Nanchang for the purpose
of making a big drive against Sun
Chuan-fang's troops at Nanchang
and Kiukiang.

Those "Iron" Troops.

General Chang Kai-shek, Com-
mander-in-Chief of the Nationalist
Forces, is also there taking per-
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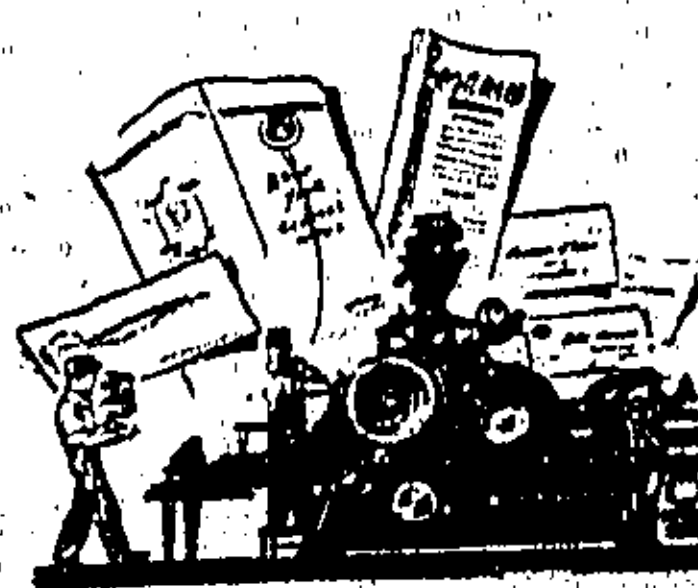
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Hong Kong, 5th October, 1926.

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(By Lady Drummond Hay.)

Munich, August 24.—England's power is impregnable for centuries to come. Despite all shocks of the last decade and impending dangers to Great Britain, the British Empire is so securely based that its supremacy is assured for at least three hundred years more.

That is what Dr. Max Kemmerich, Germany's historical prophet, told me to-day. He explained that he works on the Strome-Reichsbach-Kemmerich laws of periodicity in history.

Kemmerich warns England to expect the greatest colonial uprising in the history of the Empire, but declares she will emerge triumphant.

"According to Strome's and my calculations, based on the laws of periodicity, between 1927 and 1935, wherever whites rule the coloured races, from far-off India to Morocco, there is coming the greatest uprising against Britain's rule since the colonial revolt in the ancient Roman Empire against Rome," declared the prophet to me.

"It will be a world historical event, in importance not less than the world calling for almost unparalleled efforts on the part of the white races, above all, on the part of England, to master the situation, but England and the white races will, after some very serious defeats, be successful, and it is Germany who will turn the tide for England."

"For just as the Roman Empire was still sound and powerful enough to withstand the shock of the colonial rebellion within its realm, so the British Empire is to-day still too mighty and solid to be shattered by the coming uprising of the Eastern and African races."

Kemmerich has very little patience with those philosophers and historians who dwell on what they believe to be signs of decadence and weakness in the British Empire.

With anything like the exercise of the political wisdom of the past by her statesmen of the present and future, Kemmerich thinks that no Englishman need have sleepless nights about the future of the Empire. British rule in India will last another three centuries, he told me.

"The steel chains of political wisdom and power, which hold her Colonies and Dominions to Great Britain, will in the near future withstand all strain. The question of greatest interest, however, is to know when and how India, the pearl in England's Crown, will free herself.

Peaceful Split.

"According to Strome's periodic historic calculations, the intricate details of which I will not enter into now, this will not take place for another three hundred years, and then in all probability be an analogy of the dissolution of Greece from Rome—in peaceful manner."

"Certain it is that England's might is still assured for centuries."

Doctor Kemmerich boasts many prophetic triumphs.

In one of his books, "The Law of Causation in World History," written in 1913, he predicted that Germany would have to withstand an economic and starvation war; that Austria would be broken up, and Hungary separated from Austria.

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Oct. 11.

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ARRESTED.

AS AN ALLEGED KUOMING-TANG AGENT.

HELD IN CHAINS FOR 7 DAYS.

Shanghai, October 1.—Dr. James Chu, physician of Shanghai College, was arrested in Nanking on suspicion of being a Kuomintang spy a week ago Saturday, and held a prisoner for one week. He was set free on the intervention of Dr. Yen, physics professor at Shanghai College, and other personal friends, as well as the college authorities.

A few days before the event Dr. Chu received a letter from a life-long friend of his from Canton, a Presbyterian minister, who wrote that he was sending his daughter to Ginling College in Nanking. As the girl had never been away from home the father asked Dr. Chu to meet her at Shanghai and if possible conduct her to Nanking.

Suspected as a Red.

That Dr. Chu is a Cantonese and that the young lady with whom he was travelling had with her her membership card in a students' Kuomintang association, as well as some literature of that organisation, from somewhere in Kwangtung, led to grave suspicions on the part of the Nanking railway police, who promptly arrested the couple. He and the young lady were separated and were not allowed to communicate with each other. She was soon fortunate enough to get into touch with the Ginling College authorities, who sent a representative to the police officials. Upon proper assurances being given the girl was released and allowed to enroll at Ginling College.

Dr. Chu was held a prisoner for seven days, during part of which time his neck, hands, and feet were held in chains, which were fastened to a post, so that he had difficulty both in lying down and standing up. When Dr. Chu wrote to his friend, Dr. Yen, physics professor at Shanghai College, the latter treated it as a big joke that Chu who was well known to be anti-Red should be suspected as a Red agent. However, Dr. Yen went to Dr. V. K. Ting, who was about to visit Nanking, and agreed to do what he could to secure Dr. Chu's release.

Dr. Ting's visit to Nanking was cut short by other urgent affairs, and in the meantime Dr. Chu had been transferred from the military police to the regular military court for trial. Dr. Ting could do no more than write a note to the Governor about the matter.

Dr. Chu Disbelieved.

Dr. Chu was now up for summary trial by the military court, and in the presence of the firing squad with loaded guns things looked very ugly. His statement that he was the Shanghai College physician was disbelieved, because the only cards he had in his pocket bore the address of Peking Union Medical College, where Dr. Chu was located three months ago previous to his coming to Shanghai.

A letter was then dispatched to Shanghai, and the prisoner was transferred to the civil prison, where his chains were removed, but still without blankets or mattress he was far from comfortable. The next day a friend from the Nanking Theological Seminary found him, and brought him a pillow and blankets. Finally Dr. Yen at Shanghai College received the news from Dr. V. K. Ting that he had not had opportunity to secure Dr. Chu's release, so Dr. Yen proceeded to Nanking to interview the Governor. The latter thought that Dr. Chu had already been released, but this proved not to be so, and then upon Dr. Yen's assurances and upon the receipt of a further letter from the Shanghai College authorities, Dr. Chu was set at liberty.

The students and faculty were all glad to welcome their doctor back on Sunday morning.

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A CORRECTION.

SMUGGLING SMOKE INTO
"JAIL."

On October 6 the "China Mail" reported a case at the Kowloon Magistracy in which it was stated that a woman who smuggled cigarettes into "jail" was discharged because there was no Ordinance on which to convict.

Our attention has been drawn to the fact that there are severe penalties for bringing any unauthorised article into prisons and cigarettes are certainly forbidden. As a matter of fact, the woman's husband was detained by the Police—not in the custody of the Prison authorities—and there is no regulation pertaining to bringing "smokes" to persons under detention, but not in jail. This distinction is made at some length in order to prevent any possible misunderstanding among those unacquainted with the facts.

CONVICTS REVOLT IN GERMAN PRISON.

Berlin, September 30.—Rebelling against poor food and dirty quarters 500 convicts in Wurttemberg prison staged a revolt to-day. They had managed to obtain crude weapons and when they were marched in line to the dining hall they suddenly turned on the guards, beat them into insensibility and then rushed to the juke mills. Seizing any implements they could obtain they smashed the looms and other machinery and left the place a mass of wreckage. Then they went to the cells and demolished the meagre furniture. The gates had been locked on the outside as is customary at the noon hour so the men could not escape. Police, hearing the uproar, came to the prison and subdued the men.

THE WATER SUPPLY.

Level and Storage of water in Reservoirs on October 1, 1926.—CITY AND HILL DISTRICT WATER

WORKS LEVEL.

	1925	1926
Tyatam	31.6 E. Level	
Tyatam Byewash	19.5 E. Do.	
Tyatam Intermediate	1.8 A. Do.	
Tyatam Tuk	1.10 E. Do.	
Tyatam Tuk	14.8 E. Do.	
Wong Nei Chung	14.04	39.34
Pokfulam	35.06	65.00
Total	1,801.43	2,113.41

Consumption of water in the City and Hill District in millions and decimals of gallons during the month of September:—

	1925	1926
Consumption	255.53	238.24
Estimated Population 394,720	405,040	
per day (gallons)	215	22.0

Full Supply in all Hiller Main Districts during September 1925 and 1926.

KOWLOON WATER WORKS LEVEL.

	1925	1926
Kowloon Gravitation	0.11 B. Level	
Shek Lai Pui Reservoir 2.10 B. Do.		
Storage in millions and decimals of gallons		
Kowloon Gravitation	342.97	352.50
Shek Lai Pui Reservoir	83.40	100.80
Total	426.37	453.30

Consumption of water in Kowloon in millions and decimals of gallons during the month of September.

	1925	1926
Consumption	73.50	81.78
Estimated population 151,340	155,380	
per day (gallons)	16.0	17.3

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Total rainfall to September 30, 1925, 88.10; September 30, 1926, 92.00.

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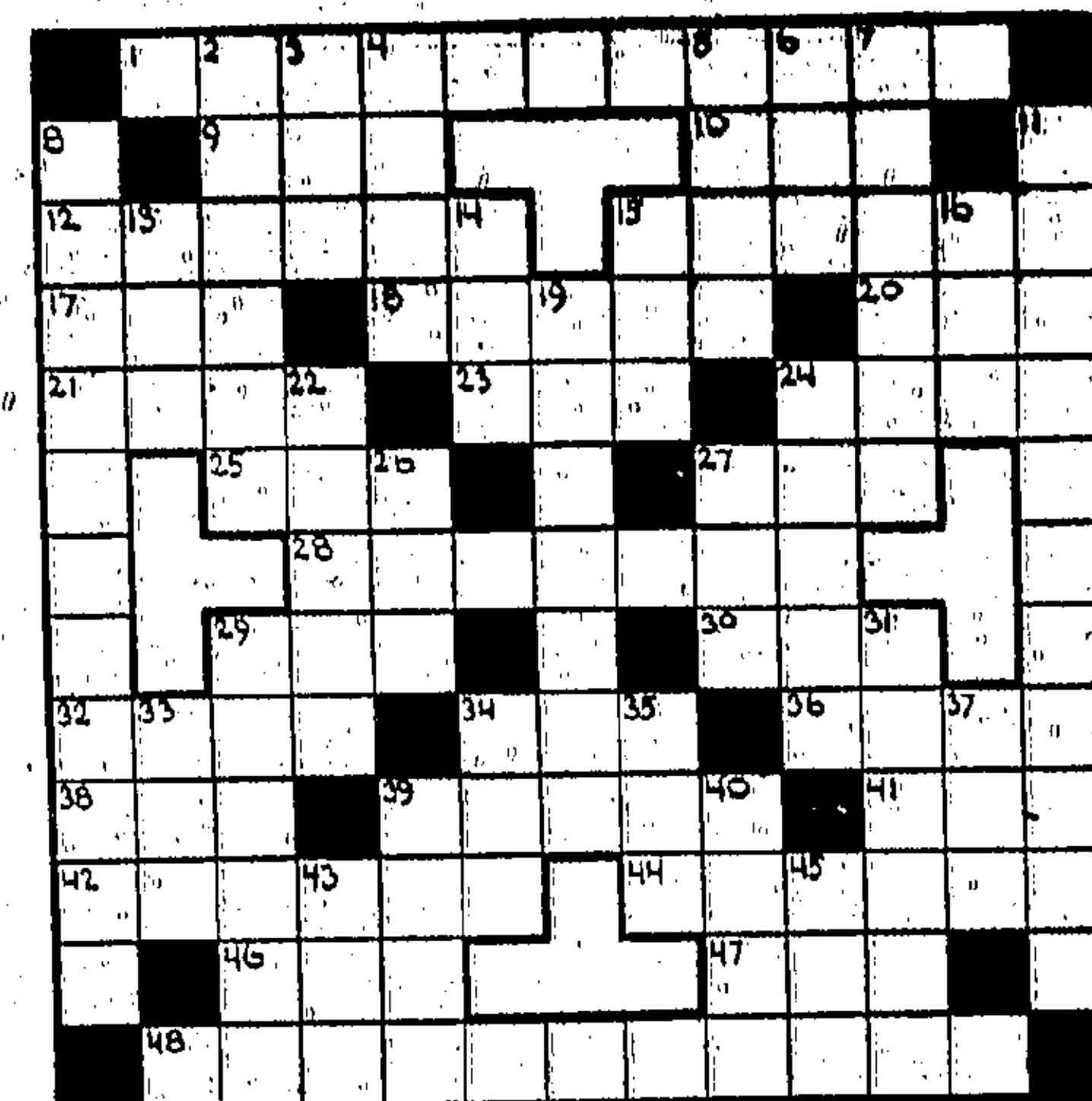
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OUR CROSS-WORD PUZZLE.

(This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spellings, such as harbor, plow, and altho.)



HORIZONTAL	HORIZONTAL (Cont.)	VERTICAL (Cont.)
1-Specter	33-Owing	13-A diving bird
2-Atmosphere	34-A bone cavity	14-To tear
3-Girl's name	41-Perceive	15-The sum
4-A church festival	42-Builds	16-A small deer of Europe
5-Modifies	43-More trim	19-A shade of yellow
6-To cover	44-A zoological garden	22-An eagle's nest
7-Intricate passage in a church	45-Mature	24-Predicts
8-Point	46-Partially to breathe	25-To undermine
9-A coup herb	47-Mature	27-To cut
10-Chum	48-Partially to breathe	28-To expel air violently through the nose
11-Liquor	49-Partially to breathe	31-A long linen coat
12-Aye	50-Partially to breathe	32-Belonging to us
13-Cat scuttles	51-Partially to breathe	33-Tenacious pronoun
14-Disposed of by lottery	52-Partially to breathe	35-A small cake
15-A taste	53-Partially to breathe	37-Born
16-Marry	54-Partially to breathe	38-Halt
17-Not any	55-Partially to breathe	40-Settled
18-Projection at side of a fireplace	56-Partially to breathe	42-A kind of lettuce
19-Warbled	57-Partially to breathe	43-Past

SUGGESTIONS FOR SOLVING CROSS-WORD PUZZLES
Start out by filling in the words of which you feel reasonably sure. These will give you a clue to other words crossing them, and they in turn to still others. A letter belongs in each white space, words starting at the numbered squares and running either horizontally or vertically or both.

(The solution of the above cross-word puzzle will appear in to-morrow's issue along with a new cross-word puzzle.)

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BORNEO MARU ... Wednesday, 3rd November.
DURBAN, DELAGOA BAY, BEIRA, DAR-ES-SALAAM, ZANZIBAR & MOMBASA—Via Singapore & Colombo.
PANAMA MARU ... Wednesday, 20th October.
CALCUTTA—Via Singapore and Rangoon.
SEATTLE MARU ... Monday, 25th October.
BANGKOK—Via Saigon.
KORSO MARU ... End of October.
VICTORIA, SEATTLE, TACOMA & VANCOUVER—Japan Ports from Shanghai.
NEW YORK—Via Japan ports, San Francisco and Panama.
ARGON MARU ... Beginning of October.
JAPAN PORTS
HAMBURG MARU ... Thursday, 14th October.
ANDES MARU ... Friday, 15th October.
KEELUNG via SWATOW & AMOY ... Thursday, 14th October noon.
KAISO MARU ... Sunday, 17th October, at 10 a.m.
TAKAO via SWATOW & AMOY.
KOTSU MARU ... Wednesday, 20th October 8 a.m.
FAKAO and KEELUNG.
BATAVIA MARU ... Monday, 25th October.
DAIREN via CHIFU and TSINGTAU.
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SHIPPING SECTION.

LOCAL SHIPPING.

TO-DAY'S ARRIVALS AND CLEARANCES.

THE MORNING LIST.

This morning, the following sea-going arrivals at Hongkong were reported:—
Empress of Asia (8883) Bri. from Manila; C. P. R. Pyrrhus (4818) Bri. from Singapore; B. & S. Tjialak (3613) Dutch, from Batavia; J. C. J. L. Van Overstraten (2337) Dutch, from Amoy; J. C. J. L. Macassar Maru (2511) Japanese, from Sourabaya; N. Y. K. Clearances.
For Singapore: Tamba Maru.
For Christmas Island: Kwago Maru.
Departures.
For Manila: President McKinley.
For Tjilatjap: Selkai Maru.
For Haiphong: Tonkin.
For Shanghai: Kwong Sang.
For Singapore: Jeyapore.

SHIPS IN PORT.

At 9 a.m. to-day the following numbers of vessels were in port:—

British	32
American	1
Panama	1
Norwegian	1
German	2
Japanese	8
Chinese	14
Dutch	6
Portuguese	3
French	2
No flag	1
Total	71

COASTAL CHANGES.

SHIPPING & ENGINEERING GAZETTE.

Mr. E. Griffith, second officer, "Ningpo," has gone second officer, "Fatsuan."
Mr. H. J. Dymond has been appointed third officer, "Anhui."
Mr. G. D. Bell, from reserve has gone second engineer, "Wuchang."
Mr. S. Dumbreck, acting second engineer, "Wuchang," has gone third engineer, same ship. Mr. A. Lockert, third engineer, "Wuchang," is on reserve.
Mr. J. Scarr, second engineer, "Kweichow," has gone second engineer, "Anking."
Mr. A. J. Brown, second engineer, "Anking," has gone second engineer, "Kweichow."
Mr. D. Bogie, from reserve, has gone third engineer, "Kaying."
Mr. H. R. Stewart, third engineer, "Kaying," has gone sup'y third engineer, "Ningpo."
Mr. G. E. Judge, third engineer, "Sochow," has gone third engineer, "Kiangsu."
Mr. B. G. Edwards, sup'y third engineer, "Ningpo," has gone third engineer, "Sochow."
Mr. J. S. K. Oliver, from reserve, has gone third engineer, "Chusan."
Mr. W. W. M. Chapman, sup'y third engineer, "Ningpo," has gone third engineer, "Taikoo Wan Yi."
Mr. W. Paxton, third engineer, "Taikoo Wan Yi," has gone second engineer, same ship. Mr. W. Pollock, second engineer, "Taikoo Wan Yi," has gone second engineer, "Liangchow."
Mr. E. D. Steen, sup'y second engineer, "Ningpo," has gone sup'y second engineer, "Liangchow."
Mr. L. D. Johnson, sup'y third engineer, "Kiangsu," has gone sup'y third engineer, "Liangchow."
Mr. T. Wilkinson, chief officer, "Tingsang," has gone chief officer, "Sangwo."
Mr. E. L. Merrett, chief officer, "Sangwo," has gone chief officer, "Tingsang."
Captain E. Jones, of the "Wing Hong," has gone master, "Derwent."
Mr. E. P. Smith, chief officer, "Hydrangea," has gone chief officer, "Derwent."
Mr. J. T. Copland has been appointed second officer, "Derwent."
Mr. T. F. Owens, second officer, "Derwent," is on reserve.
Mr. T. A. Nicholas has been appointed chief officer, "Hydrangea."

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ON THE S.S. "PRESIDENT MCKINLEY."

Mr. Lai Shu-sun, connected with Fo Sing Yuen Import and Export Co. of Hong Kong. Home on leave and returning to New York in the spring.
Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Seifert, boarded at Kobe to make a pleasure trip to Hong Kong.
Mr. Lee Shit; returning from a business trip to the United States.
Mr. T. E. Lake, representative of the Union Oil Co. en route from Kobe to Hong Kong.
Mr. C. A. Peel, business man en route from Kobe to Hong Kong.
Mr. and Mrs. Dunne-Brown, Master Robert V. Brown, connected with Columbian Rope Co. of Manila, returning from vacation to the States.
Miss Van Sant Jenkins and Miss Flora Keeney, Y.W.C.A. secretaries en route to Manila.
Mr. L. M. Merritt, connected with the Barney Cheney Engraving Co. of New York en route to Manila to superintend the construction of a carbonising plant.
Mr. C. H. Goebel, connected with the Pacific Commercial Co. of Manila returning from vacation to the States.
Mr. S. Zwillich, manufacturer of women's and children's embroidered wear.
Miss M. Phelps, with the Nippon Electric Co. of Tokyo on a vacation trip to Manila and return to Yokohama.
Mr. C. Vogel, manager of the export dept. of Foster & Vogel Leather Co. of Milwaukee, Wis. on a business trip to Manila.
Miss W. Scott, newspaper woman from Honolulu on a vacation trip.

PASSENGER LIST.

ARRIVALS.

List of passengers arrived per R.M.S. "Empress of Asia" from Manila, on October 11:—
Mr. Carpi, Mr. J. J. Elizalde, Mr. J. W. Caffney, Mrs. A. L. Gaffney, Miss M. A. Gaffney, Mr. and Mrs. Gibson, Miss A. D. B. Gibson, Miss H. B. M. Gibson, Miss E. A. V. Gibson, Mr. Wong Lam, Master A. Wong, Mr. L. Yates, Mr. A. Aiken, Mr. A. M. Black, Mr. Chan Goon, Miss M. Cusack, Mr. Go See, Mr. Lai Yau, Mrs. L. S. Moon, Mr. P. C. Croley, Miss N. Dierks, Mr. and Mrs. J. Hays, Mr. P. Assudumal, Mrs. J. B. P. Harnish, Miss D. J. Harnish, Mr. J. M. Hoeck, Lt. H. E. Magnusson, Mr. B. M. Pyshoff, Mr. R. Santos, Mrs. C. E. Santos, Mr. R. Teckhand, Mr. Wy Kee-hee, Mrs. E. C. Lucy, Mr. R. E. Magnusson, Major C. P. Snyder, Mrs. L. M. Snyder, Mr. J. C. Cleveland, Mr. N. Kimao, Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Graves, Mr. R. F. Cuyugan, Miss L. D. Kirkness, Mr. W. Akert, Mrs. N. F. Akert, Mrs. A. Navarro, Miss Navarro, Dr. V. V. Navarro, Mr. H. Cleveland, Mr. M. Pacheco, Mrs. E. Roxas, Mr. F. Bautista, Mr. E. Arreglado, Mr. P. Fernandez, Mr. F. Fagador, Mr. I. Gonzalez, Mr. R. Z. Guevara, Mr. E. D. Maglaya, Mr. D. Quintana, Mr. R. Reyes, Mr. E. Sallano, Mr. A. Trinidad and Mr. C. Vergara.

List of passengers arrived per s.s. "President McKinley" from American Ports, on October 11:—
Mr. G. Andries, Mr. I. Banner, Mrs. Chan Tung-shang, Miss Chen Mung-lau, Mr. Chen Jeh-ming, Mr. Dickson Chan, Mr. S. W. Chu, Mr. S. R. Gots, Mr. F. E. Grosse, Miss E. Grennan, Mrs. B. A. Hyder, Mr. H. A. Jacobson, Mrs. O. Kitchell, Miss P. Kitchell, Miss R. Kitchell, Mr. Lai Shiu-sun, Mr. T. E. Lake, Mr. Y. T. Li, Miss M. Litiz, Mr. R. Lokan, Mr. Y. T. Miao, Mr. C. A. Peel, Mr. E. Seifert, Mrs. F. Seifert, Mr. K. C. Sheng, Mr. Lee Shit, Mrs. K. Wang, Miss Mary Wang, Miss Rae Wang, Mr. Kurt Vogel, Miss A. Wong, Mr. and Mrs. J. Wong, Mr. J. P. Wong, Mrs. C. Billings, Mr. and Mrs. D. Brown, Master R. V. Brown, Miss H. Davis, Miss F. Davis, Mr. S. De Vera, Mrs. A. De Vera, Miss C. De Vera, Miss A. De Vera, Mrs. A. H. Drasel, Mr. C. H. Goebel, Miss V. S. Jenkins, Miss F. Keeney, Mr. E. V. Martin, Mr. L. M. Merritt, Mrs. E. Mills, Miss M. Phelps, Mr. J. B. Rutter, Master J. Rutter, Miss M. Rutter, Miss W. Scott, Mr. and Mrs. M. Teague, Mr. J. J. Underwood, Mr. C. Vogel, Mrs. T. H. Winters, Mrs. E. M. Zacharias, Master E. M. Zacharias, Mr. S. Zwillich and Miss M. Dressel.

STOWAWAY CASE.

A Russian youth appeared this morning before Mr. J. H. B. Nihil at the Kowloon Magistracy charged with being a stowaway on board the "President McKinley" from Shanghai.
The court made an order for defendant to be detained until the "President McKinley" returns from Manila on which defendant will be sent to Shanghai.

SHIPPING NOTES.

VESSELS FROM FAR AND NEAR.

LATEST INTELLIGENCE.

From Singapore, the Blue Funnel steamer "Pyrrhus" arrived yesterday afternoon and brought, 736 tons of cargo, 7 cabin passengers and 237 bags of mail for discharge here. The "Pyrrhus" will sail for Shanghai after loading cargo.

Coming from Sydney, the s.s. "Tanda" of the Eastern & Australian Line left that port for Hong Kong via Manila on October 9 at a.m. and is due here on November 18 with passengers cargo and Australian mail.

The Dutch steamer "Van Overstraten" arrived yesterday at noon from Amoy and is en route to Singapore and Penang. She brought no cargo, but has 519 steerage passengers for Hong Kong. She will sail to-morrow morning.

With a cargo of 468 tons of molasses for discharge here, the Nanyo Y. K. steamer "Macassar Maru" arrived yesterday at 6 p.m. from Sourabaya and Balikpapan. She is scheduled to sail this afternoon.

The Admiral Oriental liner "President McKinley" left yesterday at 5 p.m. for Manila with passengers, cargo and mail for Manila. The "McKinley" is due back from Manila on October 17, and will sail for Seattle via ports on the following day.

From Calcutta and Singapore the N.Y.K. steamer "Akita Maru" arrived this morning with a cargo of 391 tons consisting of wire and barley. She also has on board 4,891 tons consisting of pig iron for Japan.

The C.P.R. "Empress of Canada" arrived at Yokohama yesterday at p.m. and left that port for Hong Kong to-day at daylight and is due here on October 19 at 2 p.m.

The s.s. "Tjialak" of the J.C.I.L. arrived yesterday afternoon from Batavia and Balikpapan with a cargo of 51 tons of sugar, 311 tons of rattan and 101 tons of general merchandise. The "Tjialak's" departure has not been announced yet by her local agents.

Two steamers of the J.C.I.L. will sail to-morrow. The s.s. "Van Overstraten" en route to Singapore and Penang, and the s.s. "Tjialak" bound for Singapore and Batavia. Three Indo-China S.N. Co. steamers are scheduled to sail to-morrow for different ports. The s.s. "Hopsang" for Canton, the "Mausang" for Sandakan, and the "Kumsang" for Kobe and Yokohama via Shanghai.

WHITE STAR SALE.

FURNESS, WITHEY NOT INTERFERED WITH BY GOVERNMENT.

BRITISH PAPER'S COMMENTS.

The temporarily abandoned negotiations for the sale of the White Star Line has furnished much pabulum for journalistic effort and led to some wild flights of imagination in the press of two countries. "Fairplay" (London) waxes somewhat ironical at the expense of the "guessers" whom it takes to task in rather caustic terms, viz:—

"Furness, Withy and Company Ltd., in their negotiations for the purchase of the shares in the Oceanic Steam Navigation Company, were not interfered with in any way whatever by the British authorities. They were acting on their own behalf and on that of a financial syndicate. If the transaction had gone through, they were to control the White Star Line.

"The assertion that several British trans-Atlantic transport companies had taken a share in the scheme of Messrs. Furness, Withy, and that such joint action would have been a step in the direction of a single management for the British firms which control the passenger traffic across the ocean, however blazoning their journalistic brilliance, have no more substance than the fabled castles of Spain.

"If the deal had been completed it would not have made the slightest difference as regards existing and future competition, except in so far as the exceptionally strong position of Furness, Withy and Company, Ltd., financially and otherwise, would have enabled them to put into the service new vessels which are essential if the White Star Line is to maintain its present high position in the Atlantic trade. While in respect to German competition the arrangement, if it had gone through, would not have affected it one iota. Germany is naturally striving to make her shipping profitable, and we are trying to do the same, even, if necessary, at her expense."

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KARMA	9,128	29th Oct.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
DEVANHA	8,156	30th Oct.	Shanghai and Kobe
TANDA	9,966	2nd Nov.	Moji, Kobe, Osaka and Yokohama
NELLORE	6,000	13th Nov.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
DELTA	8,007	14th Nov.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
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MACEONIA	11,080	25th Nov.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
ST. ALBANS	4,500	7th Dec.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe, Osaka, and Yokohama
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NYANZA	7,023	11th Dec.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
KASHMIR	8,986	13th Dec.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
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SHIPBREAKING.

LESS TONNAGE GOING TO THE BREAKERS.

When in 1923 the total of ship-breaking lost and broken up crept within reach of the diminished volume of new construction, there was a widely expressed hope that more and more uneconomical ships would find their way to the shipbreakers until the surplus of shipping became reduced to a fair margin over the requirements of trade. Shipbreaking was a lost industry in the expansive years that followed the war, but by 1923 almost as many ships were proceeding to the shipbreakers for what they would fetch as there were ships being launched. Actually, with the inclusion of casualties, there were a larger number of steam and motorships lost and broken up than launched, though the tonnage of the new ships that were built in 1923 was some 160,000 tons greater than the tonnage that was lost and broken up. In 1924 yet a larger number of ships were consigned to scrap, but in the meantime many more ships had been launched, and there was nothing like so good a comparison as in 1923. Against 2,200,741 tons of steam and motor shipping launched, 1,614,532 tons were lost and broken up. For last year, Lloyd's Wreck Statistics, published in these columns a week ago, show only 553 steam and motor ships of 980,794 tons lost and broken up, which is a reduction of over half a million tons on 1924. The steam and motor ships launched last year amounted to 2,142,325 tons. Why there should have been such a heavy drop in the amount of tonnage lost and broken up is most difficult to understand.

Of course, no complaint lies in the fact that casualties are progressively lighter nowadays than before the war. Shipping losses are diminishing both in actual yearly totals and more markedly still, in proportion to merchant tonnage in existence. The total of casualty losses in 1925, at 327,748 tons, compares very lightly with 1924, when 440,404 tons of shipping were lost. Notwithstanding the greatly increased amount of merchant tonnage, the tonnage lost in 1924 was actually less than in 1913. Before the war, casualty losses invariably accounted for more than 1 per cent. of merchant tonnage per year, but in the last three years the percentage has declined from 0.82 per cent. in 1923 to 0.74 per cent. in 1924 and 0.55 per cent. last year. The Greek merchant marine managed to lose no less than 2.4 per cent. of its tonnage last year, but otherwise only Spain, Italy, Japan, and Sweden exceed the 1 per cent. line.

But the reduction in casualty losses affects the position only slightly. It is the much greater reduction in the break up of old tonnage that is so perplexing. A year or two ago, it was fairly easy to explain that though both the freight markets and the returns of laid up ships showed the clearest evidence of the pronounced surplus of shipping (even without relying on expert comparisons between the volume of merchant shipping and the volume of trade in pre-war days and now) individual shipowners were naturally loth to cut their losses on old tonnage without first seeking every possible chance of profit. But in 1925, freights went from bad to worse, and the returns of laid up ships showed no pro-

BILLS OF LADING.

WILL BE CAST ON SMALLER MODEL.

The reduction of printed matter in bills of lading is a widely sought-after reform. Once upon a time, bills of lading were no more than a few lines in length, but for many years now they have been developing a prolixity that has had to be curbed by Act of Parliament. It is not so long ago since a Lord Justice found that the only summary way of measuring the contents of a bill of lading that was in front of him was in so many "square inches of the smallest type." But at any rate, since the Carriage of Goods by Sea Act came into force, the bigger number of clauses in bills of lading are so much wasted effort, and gradually, no doubt, bills of lading will be recast on a smaller model. Whether or not they will ever again become readable and understandable is another question.

The new Furness Withy bills of lading for the carriage of grain homewards from North America are stated to be reduced in literary content by more than half. The old form, life most other bills of lading, approached in volume the size of the smaller novels, but being printed on a single sheet of paper was much less convenient to read. The new form recites that it is subject to the British Carriage of Goods by Sea Act and either the United States or the Canadian Carriers Act, according to the port of shipment. After that, there are eight clauses going over some of the ground of the Carriage Acts at greater length and otherwise defining the customs of the trade and the rights and privileges of the shipowners. The new bill of lading is still a formidable document, and it is hard to believe that it could not, in common with almost every other bill of lading, be substantially reduced without impairing the interests of shipowners.

nounced improvement. At the present moment more than 6 per cent of the tonnage owned in Great Britain is idle. Why then, should there be less and not more tonnage going to the shipbreakers?

One contributory explanation is that the surplus of tonnage has been created abroad, and though it affects British ships in common with all other ships on the seas, it is not in British hands (governed as they are by purely economic considerations) to settle. All the ships that are laid up in the United States, for example, which will not find employment are only getting consigned to scrap very slowly. The same conditions exist on a smaller scale elsewhere. In addition, much of the tonnage that has been thrust into trade by or with the assistance of State Governments has been impelled generally into liner trades with just sufficient force to keep it there, but with no profit-earning capacity. The result is that three ships are compelled to share the work of two. Ships have a fairly long life and it may therefore take some years before merchant tonnage is "distributed" anything like economically. Meanwhile, the fact that there are fewer ships being broken up than there are new ships being built may only mean that there is an increasing number of ships being maintained that will never be replaced after their present span of service.

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The C.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of Asia", Capt. A. V. R. Lovegrove, D.S.O., R.N.R., Commander, will leave here for Victoria and Vancouver, B.C., via Shanghai (Woo-hung), Nagasaki, Kobe and Yokohama at 6 a.m. on October 14.

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The B. I. s.s. "Takada" left Singapore for this port on October 9 at p.m. with the outward English Mails, and is due here on October 15 at about 7 a.m.

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The E. & A. s.s. "Tanda" left Sydney for this port on October 9 at a.m. with the outward Australian Mails, and is due here on November 1.

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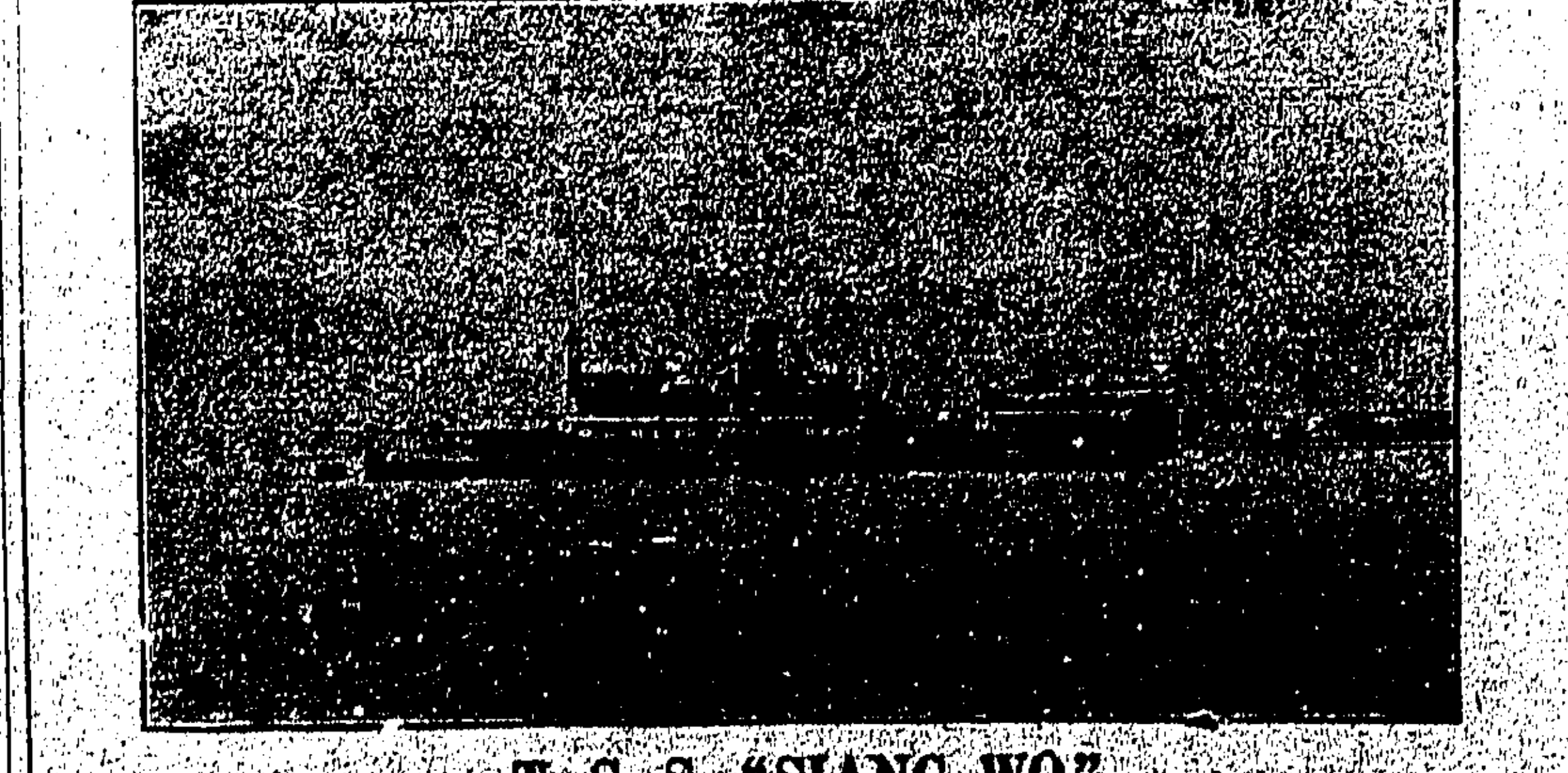
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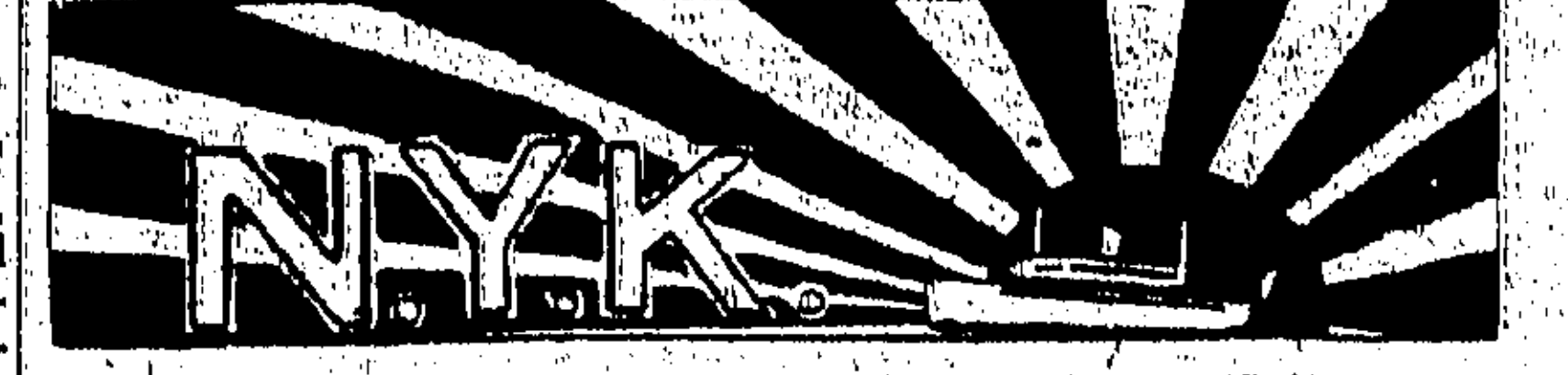


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Mr. and Mrs. Harry W. Frick,
a daughter.

MANWARING.—On September 9,
1926, at Fu Shou, Seal, Seven-
ocks, to Edith (née Holworthy),
wife of Lieut. Commander Man-
waring, R.N., daughter.

SILVER WEDDING.

MAXWELL—SAUNDERS.—On Oct.
9, 1901, in the Cathedral, Hong
Kong, James L. Maxwell, M.D.,
English Presbyterian Mission,
Tainan, Formosa, to Millicent
B. Saunders, daughter of the
late Leslie S. Saunders, I.C.S.

DEATHS.

FULFORD.—On Sept. 6, 1926, at
Wellington, N.Z., Rachel Edith,
wife of H. E. Fulford, C.M.G.,
late H.B.M. Consul-General,
China.

GASCOIGNE.—On Sept. 9, 1926, at
Boscombe, Major-General Sir
William Gascoigne, K.C.M.G.,
late Scots Guards, aged 82.

GUER.—On Sept. 12, 1926, at
Slich, Chexbres, Switzerland,
Marie Guer, formerly of the
China Inland Mission.

PINKNEY.—On September 8, 1926,
at 17, Royal Crescent, W. 11,
Robert Pinkney, late F.M.S.,
aged 70.

Hong Kong, Tuesday, October 12, 1926.

A DEATH RATTLE.

Although the wish may be
father to the thought there are
certain signs showing that Bol-
shevism has been found out by the
best Chinese leaders and moulders
of Chinese thought. Bolshevism
may not exactly have shot its bolt
entirely in China, but assuredly
its days are numbered. Its death
rattle can be distinctly heard.
The day and hour of its demise
depends on the ability of the
Chinese "captains" of politics to
assist in the reconstruction of a
New China that will have nothing
in common with Moscow.

According to unofficial and un-
authenticated reports that arch-
enemy of Great Britain, M.
Borodin, was present at the de-
monstration in Canton on Sunday
when the boycott was formally
declared at an end. As adviser to
the Canton Government he could
not well have excused his absence

from such an important gather-
ing. And, of course, he had to
give expression to any old thing
to "save face" with his employers
—hence his reported reference to
the "anti-Imperialist" boycott
movement extending from Canton
to Manchuria. A very high-
sounding phrase, indeed! But
just on a par with the touching
"gesture" implied in the presenta-
tion of a Red flag to the chief
malefactor among the pickets!

No matter when or in what
manner China's civil war ends
Borodin and Co. will assuredly
find that they will be numbered
among the great unwanted in
that great country. They have
been tolerated so far where
toleration merely meant the influx
of the almighty dollar from Mos-
cow's apparently bottomless ex-
chequer and an inflow of Soviet
arms and munitions and "ready-
made" Generals. Money has been
doing a lot of talking in China in
these latter days. But the mist of
Moscow cannot hang for ever
before Chinese eyes. It will lift—
it is rapidly lifting now in some
parts of the country. Then shall
Borodin and Co. be told in the plain-
est of language that their room
is preferred to their company if
they persist in their pernicious
Bolshevist propaganda, which is as
alien to Chinese ideals as to Brit-
ish.

Borodin may expect praise in
Canton as the power behind the
recent strike and anti-British boy-
cott that was intended to "ruin
Hong Kong"; but he has lived to
learn that even the Canton Gov-
ernment as at present constitu-
ted has a mind of its own—that
when it wills a thing not all the
gold of Moscow can turn it from
its purpose. And so it will be
even if the Southern forces sub-
jugate a large portion of the rest
of the country, for the greater
the sphere of influence of the
Southerners the less will become
the domination of Borodin, Karak-
han, and all the other emissaries
of the Soviet. Hence, it may be
repeated, the latter have nothing
to gain but a mighty lot to lose by
a really strong Nationalist Party
with its ramifications extending
from Canton to Manchuria.

MORE RAIN.

INDICATIONS UNTIL NOON
TO-MORROW.

The latest warning by the Ob-
servatory, issued this morning,
gives the position of a depression
or typhoon of unknown intensity
within 120 miles of Lat. 17 N., Long.
127 E., moving W.

Meteorological indications:—
Pressure is highest over Central
China. It has decreased slightly
over Japan, E. China, Formosa, the
Philippines and S. Indo-China and
increased slightly over the Loo-
choos. It is nearly stationary at
Hong Kong.

Weather forecast until noon to-
morrow:—East winds, strong, mo-
derating; overcast, occasional rain.
Rainfall for the 24 hours ending
at 10 a.m. to-day, 0.23 inch. Total
to date 94.14 against an average of
78.85 inches.

In attempting to cross the road
near Wing Woo Street yesterday
afternoon, a Chinese was knocked
down by a car proceeding along
Connaught Road and received in-
juries to his head and leg. In
another accident at Saigon Street,
Yau-mat, the driver of a Sanitary
motor lorry was detained for caus-
ing injuries to a woman.

CORRESPONDENCE.

PLAIN ENGLISH.

(To the Editor of the "China Mail.")

Sir,—Sir Oliver Lodge's plea
for the use of plain English by
scientists is at least timely. A
number of the papers read before
the British Association were more
than the public could digest, and
though the journalists who trans-
mitted them were to blame, they
were not entirely to blame. All
the same, it is not to be fancied
that the writer or lecturer on sci-
ence is just clumsy when he
uses long words of spurious
Greek. It is quite likely that he
regards simplified science for the
million as a sheer abomination.
His obscurity may be calculated
and defensive. He may think it
better not to be understood at all
than to be misunderstood copious-
ly.

Or, if he is another person he
may use terms, as Butler accused
Darwin of using them, because
they provide him with ways of
retreat in case of necessity.
The scientist who nails his
colours to the mast is rarely the
scientist who in ten or twenty
years will be quoted with appro-
val. Experience of the past
teaches the advantage of abun-
dant light and shade, but particu-
larly of shade. One thing, how-
ever, is certain. Those who, like
Sir Oliver Lodge to-day, or Hux-
ley in the last century, discard
jargon have faith in themselves
and in their works.

Yours, etc.,

STUDENT.

Hong Kong, Oct. 12.

AMERICA AND RUBBER.

(To the Editor of the "China Mail.")

Sir,—The announcement that
the Firestone rubber interests
have definitely abandoned the
Philippines as a prospective field
for the production of raw rubber
will not come as a surprise to
those who know anything about
the subject. One's chief surprise,
if any, is why the American
people have been contented to
listen to all the nonsense that has
been said concerning the produc-
tion of rubber on a large scale in
the Philippines.

It is likely that the American
investor—and the average Ameri-
can investor is no fool—will sink
vast sums of money into rubber
plantations when he has seen how
badly the British investor has
been hit by the slump price of
the raw commodity? One is in-
clined to go so far as to express
the opinion that the majority of
American users of crude rubber
have not the slightest intention
of risking a cent of their money
in a tropical agricultural enter-
prise which they know has just
passed through desperately hard
times and which still has many
difficult problems to face, not the
least of which is an epidemic of
disease which, at any moment,
may arise and wipe out rubber
trees by the square mile.

Yours, etc.,

LATEX.

Hong Kong, Oct. 11.

\$4,000 PROCEEDS.

PRECIOUS BLOOD CONVENT
BAZAAR.

RAFFLE PRIZE WINNERS.

The bazaar of the Precious
Blood Convent opened by Lady
C. Clement on Friday closed on
Sunday night.

The gross receipts amount to
about \$4,000.

The winning numbers of the
American raffle in connection with
the Bazaar are:—

1st 570; 2nd 74; 3rd 1161; 4th
1317; 5th 927; 6th 1763; 7th 420;
8th 837; 9th 23; 10th 95; 11th
1151; 12th 731; 13th 1196; 14th
394; 15th 1092; 16th 15; 17th 301;
18th 1063; 19th 181; 20th 1773;
21st 1191; 22nd 1880; 23rd 491;
24th 1683; 25th 114; 26th 1850;
27th 1849; 28th 605; 29th 1553;
30th 1150.

Further donors towards the
Bazaar are:—The Wing On Co.—
27 doz. fancy goods; the Sun Co.—
1 scooter; Connaught Aerated
Water Co.—10 doz. aerated
waters.

It is proposed to institute a Young
Men's Club at a central meeting
place to promote opportunities for
fellowship among young church-
men living in Hong Kong, the pro-
posal originating with St. Peter's
Church but membership not being
confined to this body. It is pro-
posed to organize in connection with
such a body cinema, bible classes,
study circles, debates, socials, or-
chestra, a troop of Boy Scouts etc.
Membership application forms are
being sent out.

STATE OF SIEGE.

FOREIGNERS' FLIGHT IN CHUNGKING.

AFTER WANHSIEN AFFAIR.

Chungking, the last British
treaty port up the Yangtze, has
suffered from intense anti-British
feeling in the neighbourhood due
to the Wanhsien affair, the tin-
sion being such that all women
and children have been evacuat-
ed and for a time (after the Wan-
hsien affair) there was a possi-
bility of the men being taken off
also.

According to a message from
Chungking, published in the
"Central China Post," an organ-
ized attack on the Mackenzie com-
pound, where the majority of Brit-
ish residents were at the time
domiciled, had been organised by
various bands of T'uan from sur-
rounding districts who combined
in anti-British demonstrations,
the object being to drive away all
remaining foreigners for the pur-
pose of completely looting it.
The arrival of the U.S.S. "Mona-
cacy" is said to have led to the
abandonment of the plan.

Hill bungalows in the neigh-
bourhood, the property of for-
eigners, were looted including that
of the Danish Commissioner of
Customs.

The Chungking correspondent
of the "Central China Post" writ-
ing under date of September 20,
states:—

Night Watches.
The British men on the com-
pound have formed themselves
into a British Defence Corps
under an elected Commandant
who works in conjunction with
the American S.N.O. We are
keeping night watches with a
view to anticipating any attacks
from outside, and intend to hold
on as long as it is possible. Last
night, the compound was sur-
rounded by about 200 of the
T'uan, and we are reliably in-
formed these men considered the
possibility of making an attack.
These people seem to have re-
turned to their hills, and we hope
they will not return here. It is
generally thought the T'uan have
definitely abandoned that part of
their programme which referred
to this compound since it was
noticeable that the American gun-
boat was taking an active interest
in matters.

Officials in Sympathy.

City military and civil officials
have informed the American Con-
sul that they are in sympathy
with the present anti-British
agitation but will, they say, do
their best to preserve law and
order. This merely means that
they will not definitely act against
us—more than that is unlikely,
and we need not expect any help
from them. The most that has
been done up to now by respon-
sible officials on our behalf was
the despatch of two military
officers from the city "to pre-
serve order." As a matter of
fact, these men were themselves
afraid of the local people, and
asked to be allowed to stay inside
the compound, which request was
refused. From this, a fairly cor-
rect estimate of the situation as
far as the officials intend to in-
terest themselves can be made.

British Boycotted.

All office staffs are absent from
British offices, and it is problem-
atical when they will be able to re-
turn, hence, for the time being, it
is quite impossible for us to
handle cargo, if sent up by outside
steamers. The present position is
that we are practically besieged
inside this compound, and while
we are able to smuggle out an oc-
casional telegram, or get hold of
mail, nothing like ordinary busi-
ness is possible for the present.
The local Telegraph Office folk are
making difficulties by refusing to
accept telegrams except those ac-
companied by cash, and the Tele-
phone people to-day called to col-
lect September subscriptions un-
der veiled threats to cut us off.
I have not seen the Compradore nor
any of his people for more than a
week now.

ITALIAN OPERA.

SUCCESSFUL PRESENTATION
OF "FAUST."

Finishing rather late—the last
act commenced at 11.55—last
night's presentation by the
Italian Opera Company of the
ever popular "Faust" was follow-
ed closely and appreciatively to its
end by those of the large audience
who were able to stay throughout.
The opera was splendidly per-
formed.

Sig. Mauceri combined a rich
bass voice with imposing presence
in the part of Mephistopheles, and
Sig. Scamuzzi, as Valentine, was
a magnificent Mlle. Ambrosia, an
artist of great dramatic power
and possessing a soprano voice of
exceptional quality, scored an-
other triumph as Marguerite, and
Sig. Bellotti, although not as out-
standing as the others, sustained
the exacting part of Faust with
credit.

CHEUNG CHAU NOTES

TYPHOON EFFECTS OF WEEK-END.

SOCIAL & GENERAL.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

Cheung Chau, Oct. 11.
On Saturday at a social gathering
at No. 18A, a presentation of two sil-
ver vases was made to Dr. and Mrs.
Clift in view of their approaching
silver wedding anniversary. Several
items were specially written for the
occasion, and all present voiced
their appreciation of the kind ser-
vices these friends have rendered
to the community.

Dr. and Mrs. Clift sailed for Hai-
phong, getting away just before the
typhoon blow.

The storm has hindered in some
cases the repairs rendered neces-
sary by the former typhoon.

Roofless School.
The Government School is now
a roofless ruin and the need for a
permanent structure is greatly
emphasised.

The launch service was again in-
terrupted, preventing some week-
end visitors from arriving. The
"Kung Yick" did not come in to the
pier on Friday night. She went
for shelter. Our harbour was not
deserted, as two coasting steamers
took refuge here for a time.

Mr. and Mrs. Bond, who have been
staying at No. 12 for some time, are
now returning to Canton.

The village, in spite of the wet
weather, presented more or less of
a festive appearance. Flags were
displayed and a small theatre put
up in the market square and the
usual Chinese band was heard dur-
ing celebrations on Sunday.

Coming and Going.

The last of the Sunday services
was held yesterday. It was well
attended though rain was falling.
The hour of the Bible class has
been changed to 4 p.m. to be held
in the Hall and conducted by Rev.
Benson during Dr. Clift's absence.
The time of the Wednesday prayer
meeting has also been changed to
8.15 p.m.

There will be a further exodus
of visitors during the next few
weeks. Dr. Hayes of Canton is ex-
pected any time to meet Mrs. Hayes
who is returning to China from
America and who will be gladly
welcomed by her many old friends.

OBITUARY.

MAJ.-GEN. SIR WILLIAM
GASCOIGNE.

Major-General Sir William Julius
Gascoigne, K.C.M.G., who was
G.O.C. at Hongkong in 1898, and
for a time administered the Govern-
ment of the Colony, died at
Boscombe on September 9 at the
age of 82. General Gascoigne was
the son of the late General Ernest
Frederick Gascoigne, and was near-
ly 19 when he joined the Scots
Fusilier Guards as an ensign and
lieutenant. In 1870—the year of
the Riel rebellion—he was in
Canada for a few months on par-
ticular service. Ten years later he
was appointed to the command of
the School of Instruction in London
for the Auxiliary Forces, which
appointment he was holding in
July, 1882, when he received orders
to embark for Egypt with the
Brigade of Guards under the com-
mand of the Duke of Connaught.
On August 25 he took part in the
action of Mahuta and was present
at the capture of Tel-el-Kehir on
September 13. In 1885 Gascoigne
accompanied Sir Charles Wilson in
the steamer "Borodin" for the re-
lief of Khartoum, when he proved a
cool and capable officer during an
anxious and trying time. The
"Borodin" was often under heavy
fire from enemy forces on the banks
of the Nile. He was promoted to
the rank of Lieutenant-colonel in
1887 and became major-general in
1895, when he went to Canada to
command the Militia forces. His
next important post was to com-
mand the troops at Hong Kong in
1898, and sent the Royal Welsh
Fusiliers north during the Boxer
uprising. During the absence of
Sir Henry Blake, he administered
the Government of the Colony, and
his services to the community dur-
ing that time, which included the
passing over for the free use of the
inhabitants of King's Park, Kow-
loon, are perpetuated by the naming
of one of the peninsula's leading
thoroughfares after him, namely,
Gascoigne Road. In recognition of
his valuable services during a long
course of years he was given the
C.M.G. in 1899, and in the follow-
ing year was promoted K.C.M.G.
He retired in 1904. In 1875 he
married Helen, daughter of the late
Martin Tucker Smith, M.P., and
widow of the Hon. Arthur F.
Egerton (he died in 1886), son of
the first Earl of Ellesmere.

FOR STIFF, SORE MUSCLES, TRY
CHAMBERLAIN'S PAIN BALM.
Pain in joints, muscles, stiff, swollen
joints of hands, feet or other parts
of the body, should be rubbed vigorously
with Chamberlain's Pain Balm. Owing
to its penetrating quality, the circula-
tion is stimulated throughout the con-
fected parts, relieving the pressure and
inflammation that cause the pain. Sold
and recommended everywhere.

BOYCOTT END.

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On Other Routes

The s.s. "Wing On" spick and span after overhaul, is alongside her wharf. She will be going to Kowloon in a very few days and will be the pioneer there as the Sze Yee S.S. Co. have not yet reported, renewed their charter to a syndicate, of the s.s. "Tai Lee" and "On Lee."

Then again there is the "Fook On" ready to leave in a day or two for Wuchow, on the West River. She will be the first boat back on that run.

The tow-boat which used to play regularly between Hong Kong and Shekkl (capital of Heungshan) has definitely advertised resumption on October 16.

Samchun Passes?

There are still a great many other river steamboats. Some of the smaller ones which changed over to Chinese registry during the strike are expected to remain on up-river runs; but the majority are preparing to return as soon as conditions and finance permit.

Normal conditions prevail at Lown and Samchun, the border stations on the railway.

An unconfirmed report says that although the armed pickets are now in Canton, five unarmed pickets in multi are staying near Samchun to collect travelling passes hitherto issued to passengers, when and as such return; but there is no interference.

Markets Improve.

The improved tone in local markets is slightly more pronounced. Merchants expect delay of a few days more before cargo begins to move freely.

Except from Swatow there is no unfavourable report about the pickets.

The Merchant-Labour examination shed on the Canton Bund is being demolished but a new one is springing up, in which the Nationalist Government will collect their temporary taxes.

These strikers have also asked Canton merchants to clear from their examination shed cargo remaining therein.

Fly in Ointment.

The General Chamber of Commerce in Canton has, on the other hand, circulated other chambers. It states that the Strike Committee has proposed the formation of an organisation to liquidate stocks of British cargo after which members will not deal in them any more. Other than steps by agitators to promote a popular boycott in Canton of British trade and British goods, there is as yet no evidence of the boycott being called off in name and existing in fact.

BRITISH SHIPPING.

Feelers Put Out by Local Companies.

Now that the official declaration by Canton of the cessation of boycott activities has been made, the local British shipping companies are seeking to ascertain the position as regards trade by sending up ships the result of which trips will largely determine future plans as regards sailing dates.

The China Navigation Company (Butterfield and Swire) s.s. "Sinkiang" left Hong Kong for Canton yesterday, this being an extension of the run from Shanghai to Hong Kong. Before the strike, this, together with other ships, was on the Shanghai-Hong Kong-Canton run.

First Since Strike.

The "Sinkiang" is the first of these B. and S. ships, since the boycott trouble originated to make the trip to Canton. It berthed at the B. and S. wharf at Pak-hok-tung and will leave later for Hong Kong and Shanghai. No regular schedule has as yet been arranged, the sailing of the "Sinkiang" being in the nature of a test trip. To the Indo-China S. N. Co. (Jardine's) vessels on the same run (the "Fooshing" and "Cheongching" have already made trips to Canton and left later for Shanghai) has been added the "Hopsang" which leaves for Canton at daybreak tomorrow.

Steamboat Co.

The difficulty with regard to the running by the Steamboat Co. of night boats to Canton is the restriction with regard to night passage in the martial war area of Bocca Tigris forta. The Company is carrying out negotiations as a result of which it is hoped that the full morning and night service to and from Canton will be resumed next week.

The "Lungshan" left for Canton this morning with more than the usual strike complement of passengers and cargo.

The C. N. Co.'s "Fatsan" is coming down from Canton to-day—the first boat to leave, since Oct. 10.

At present these boats are still anchoring in the stream.

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TRAFFIC CASES.

EUROPEAN INSULTED BY TAXI DRIVER.

THE WEEKLY LIST.

The dangerous practice of carrying protruding beams from motor lorries was referred to in the traffic summonses heard by Major C. Willson at the Central Magistracy this morning.

Fines ranging up to \$12 were imposed on the offenders among whom were a number of car drivers caught driving in a dangerous or negligent manner.

The offence of a driver in disregarding a signal to stop and scattering a squad of police near the Queen's Theatre was considered to be more serious than the others and this was met with a fine of \$20.

A taxicab driver, charged with using abusive language to his fare, Mr. T. F. O'Sullivan, denied the offence, but admitted that he failed to complete the journey.

Traffic Sgt. Hopkins said that the complainant was absent, as he thought the case would be heard next week.

A suggestion from the defendant that the passenger failed to understand him was turned down by Sub-Inspector Alexander, and His Worship adjourned the summons for one week to hear evidence.

Y.M.C.A. NOTES.

SPORT ACTIVITIES BEGIN SHORTLY.

FIRST LADIES' NIGHT.

The plans for the season are now almost complete and a programme will shortly be issued showing the varied activities of the Association.

The Sports Committee is at work arranging the following branches of sport: golf, water polo, hockey, bowls and football. It is intended to arrange matches with other clubs.

Outdoor games such as baseball, volley ball, basket ball, etc., with some physical training, will take place on the ground at the rear of the building and on the roof, Mondays and Tuesdays, from 6 to 7 in the evenings. Shower baths are at the disposal of members not residing in the building. These games will commence on Monday, October 18.

The tennis ground looks promising and will be used as soon as the necessary work is completed.

Members are asked to notify the Secretary of their intentions to participate in any of the branches of sport mentioned.

The indoor activities commence on Thursday, Oct. 23, with the Literary and Debating Club dinner, other events being Ping-pong cup championship (kick-out tournament), last date for entries being Oct. 24; draughts tournament and sing-songs.

The first Ladies' Night will be held on Thursday, November 4.

LOTTERY TICKETS.

CHINESE WITH A LARGE COLLECTION.

SKIPPED HIS BAIL.

A Chinese named Leung Min, alleged to be an extensive dealer in illegal lottery ventures, failed to appear at the Central Magistracy this morning to answer a charge of possession of 683 Macao lottery tickets of a face value of \$7,956. Defendant was arrested with the tickets at Upper Lascar Row yesterday by a Chinese detective and was released on bail of \$250. It was stated that defendant had been arrested along with three others one year ago for a similar offence, but on that occasion also he failed to attend court while out on bail.

The Magistrate ordered the bail money to be estreated.

Warning to Mariners.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

Pakhal, Kowloon, Oct. 7. Rumours are current here that the steamboats from Hong Kong are coming here on Oct. 11 or shortly after.

In this connection I recall the order by local authorities to blockade all approach to this port, some months ago, when a pro-Chan Kwong-ming invasion was mooted.

Of six passages all but one were closed. The one remaining open is known as No. VI, a, via Lin Fa Shan.

Junks stuffed with big rocks were sunk in the Parrot, Beak Creek last year and mariners should find out before going through on previous charts.

WAR MYSTERY.

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sonal command of his men. As reported in the "Hankow Herald," General Chang's troops are also attacking Hukow which is the key position at the mouth of the Poyang Lake and the capture of which would mean a death blow to the Allied forces.

The "Iron" troops, belonging to the famous 4th Army which fought gallantly in the battle of Tientsin, are reported to have been also sent to Kiangsi to participate in the fighting against the army of the Allied warlord.

WUCHANG LATEST.

How Treachery Sold Besieged Generals.

Hankow, Oct. 11. Wuchang is now in the hands of the southerners' Army. Many disarmed northern troops landed at Hankow to-day (Monday).—Naval Despatch.

Hankow, Oct. 10. Wuchang finally passed into southern hands this afternoon apparently as the result of treachery on the part of a certain section of its defenders, who, opening the gate, admitted the besiegers.

General Liu Yu-chun was taken prisoner in the Boone College compound and is arriving at Hankow under escort this evening, while it is reported that General Chen Chin-mo has also been captured.—Reuter.

[Note: These two Wu Pei-fu generals commanded the besieged garrison.]

REPORTS BY MAIL.

Southerners Pressing Hard on Kiukiang.

The following war reports, to hand by mail, confirm the despatches published in the "China Mail" last week, prior to the southerners embarking on their coup.

Shanghai, Oct. 7. Reports from Kiukiang received in Shanghai to-day state that severe fighting is taking place within a short distance of the city with the southerners pressing hard. In consequence of this Marshal Sun Chuan-fang has sent an urgent call to Wusueh for the immediate despatch of 7,000 troops to relieve the situation.

The general war situation remains virtually unchanged with fighting still in progress on the Nanchang front.—"Shanghai Mercury."

Recapture of Te-an.

Shanghai, Oct. 7. A telegram from Kiukiang dated Oct. 6, says:—The 8th Mixed-Brigade under the command of General Yen Ching-tung made an onslaught on the southern troops stationed at Te-an, from the direction of the south of the town, from dawn of October 5 until noon, and finally re-captured Te-an.

The southerners are reported to have retreated to a hilly district south of Te-an. The Allied troops, some 10,000 men strong, concentrated at the rear of Te-an, left there for Te-an on October 5 under command of General Chou Hung-chi.

In the region south-west of Nanchang, the 2nd and 3rd Allied army have been gradually pressing hard the main body of General Chang Kai-shek's troops since October 4.—"Toho."

Casualties of Both Sides. Kiukiang, Oct. 7. The number of casualties of the Allied forces is estimated at 4,000 men, while that of the southern troops are more than 5,000.

Soldiers are fatigued with fighting, and the sentiment in favour of peace has become more pronounced than ever. Marshal Sun Chuan-fang is expected to inspect the battlefields and to encourage his troops.—"Toho."

Shanghai, Oct. 7. Many trainloads of Chang Tsung-chang's troops have passed down the Peking-Hankow Railway toward Paotingfu. The two Russian named armoured trains called "Shantung" and "Honan" have left Peking for the same route. General Chu Yu-pu is at Paotingfu with other Fengtien generals, who are apparently more concerned with keeping Wu Pei-fu under control than with suppressing the Cantonese.—"Shanghai Mercury."

That Thrust on Yangtze. Telegrams from Nanking state that the Allied army of Marshal Sun Chuan-fang have won a complete victory over the Cantonese on the Yangtze River and have occupied Yuan-hsin. The Cantonese have retreated to Tungshan or in that direction, in south Hupei, says the "N. C. D. Mail."

General Chih, commanding one of Marshal Sun's divisions, is pursuing the enemy at Tungshan. The reports describe the fight

KELANTAN LOAN.

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TO PAY FOR LITIGATION.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

Singapore, Oct. 11. The Straits Settlements Government has made a loan of \$4,250,000 to the Kelantan Government in order to effect a settlement of the Duff Development Company litigation. The F.M.S. Government has wrote off the loan of £300,000.

RUBBER PIONEER.

£3,000 FOR SIR H. WICKHAM.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

Singapore, Oct. 11. The Straits Settlements Government has voted £3,000 as an honorarium to Sir Henry Wickham, who brought the first rubber seeds to Malaya from Brazil.

COPPER PRICE.

AMERICAN PRODUCERS' COMBINE.

BRITISH INTERESTS INVOLVED

New York, Oct. 11.

The Government has approved of the American copper producers co-operating for the establishment of the price of domestic copper in the foreign markets. All the leading producers, representing an enormous aggregate capital, are incorporated in the new company, "The Copper Exporters" under the presidency of Mr. Kelly, President of the Anaconda Copper Company. An effort will be made to sell direct to consumers except where conditions make it desirable to sell to distributors.

The foreign associate members of the combine include the British Metals Corporation, the Rio Tinto Company, and the leading South American, German, French, and Belgian interests.—Reuter's American Service.

PUNITIVE RAID.

BRITISH AIRCRAFT IN ACTION.

Bagdad, October 11. British aircraft are engaged in a punitive expedition against tribesmen in the Kuwait territory.—Reuter.

CAST ASHORE.

STRANGE DISCOVERY ON AN ISLAND.

33 PEOPLE ALIVE.

A strange tale of the sea has been revealed in a report made at Stanley Police Station by Chan Tong, master of the Cheung Hok grocery shop at Po To Au Island, which is near Clear Water Bay and on the other side of Junk Bay. At 9 o'clock on Saturday morning a report was made at the shop by boat people that a number of people had been washed ashore alive at the back of the island.

Shop employees were sent out to investigate and found the story to be true, as they found 30 men and three women on the beach, apparently the survivors of a junk which had foundered in the squally weather during the week-end.

Some of the survivors appeared to be in a bad way with the hardships they had undergone in swimming ashore. The master of the shop took them all in and provided them with food and clothing.

The people, spoke the Hoklo dialect, and the police are without any further report from them to account for their being cast on the island.

A Chinese was fined \$250, or three months' hard labour, by Mr. E. W. Hamilton, at the Central Magistracy this morning for having several tons of coal aboard a junk at Shaikwan in regard to which he was unable to give a satisfactory explanation.

as a decisive victory for Marshal Sun Chuan-fang. As they come from Marshal Sun's capital they may be overdrawn but there is no reason to doubt their substantial accuracy.

It follows that the Cantonese communications with the south are now threatened. The victorious troops threaten the southern occupation of Hankow.

STRIKES OBSOLETE.

REMARKABLE ADDRESS BY LABOURITE.

EXTREMISTS' OUTBURSTS.

Rugby, Oct. 11.

Lively scenes marked the opening of the annual conference of the Labour Party at Margate.

Mr. Robert Williams, in delivering the presidential address, dealt with the mining crisis. He declared that preparations for this industrial struggle had not been confined to the coal owners and those supporting them. Individuals in the Labour Party's own ranks had constantly talked of preparing for it. The Labour Party was the foremost party in condemning militarism in international affairs. If peace was to be sought internationally by methods of conciliation, let industrial peace be sought by the same methods. They must preserve the right of Unions to strike, but conciliation played an important part in their work.

Men would be heard saying: "Get ready for the next general strike." He would reply that they should read the unfavourable agreements upon which the railwaymen and transport workers resumed work after the general strike, last May. He had had over twelve years' experience of strikes, and he knew that it was not easy to secure a return to work on terms as satisfactory as those obtaining before action was taken.

"A Sightless Samson."

In regard to the miners, Mr. Williams declared:

"Their decision to continue the dispute is heroic. They may be likened to a sightless Samson feeling for the grip of the pillars of the temple, the crushing of which may engulf this thing which we call British civilisation."

The Miners' Conference, he said, asked for an embargo on foreign coal. An embargo had been ineffective during the coal stoppage of 1921. What hope was there of success in 1926? It was a despairing policy.

He concluded: "The Communist Party and minority movement still believe in a general strike. The Labour Party looks with confidence to the General Election."

Sentiment Applauded.

Mr. Williams's outspoken remarks were greeted with violent outbursts from the extremists present. He was charged with making insolent attacks on the miners. At times he continued only with difficulty, but his final remark—to the effect that the Labour Party stood for constitutional action—was loudly applauded by the great majority of the delegates present at the conference.—British Wireless Service.

"GENERAL" BOOTH.

GREETED BY JAPANESE PRESS.

Tokyo, October 11.

"General" Booth, the head of the Salvation Army, arrived in Yokohama this morning. The vernacular papers are giving great prominence to his visit.—Reuter.



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Washington, October 11.

The extensive use of poison gas during war is advocated by Mr. John Taylor, of the Legislative Committee of the American Legion, who, on behalf of the Legion, urges the Senate to reject the Geneva Protocol prohibiting the use of gas because he asserts that it is one of the most humane weapons and also the most effective for speedily ending war.—Reuter's American Service.



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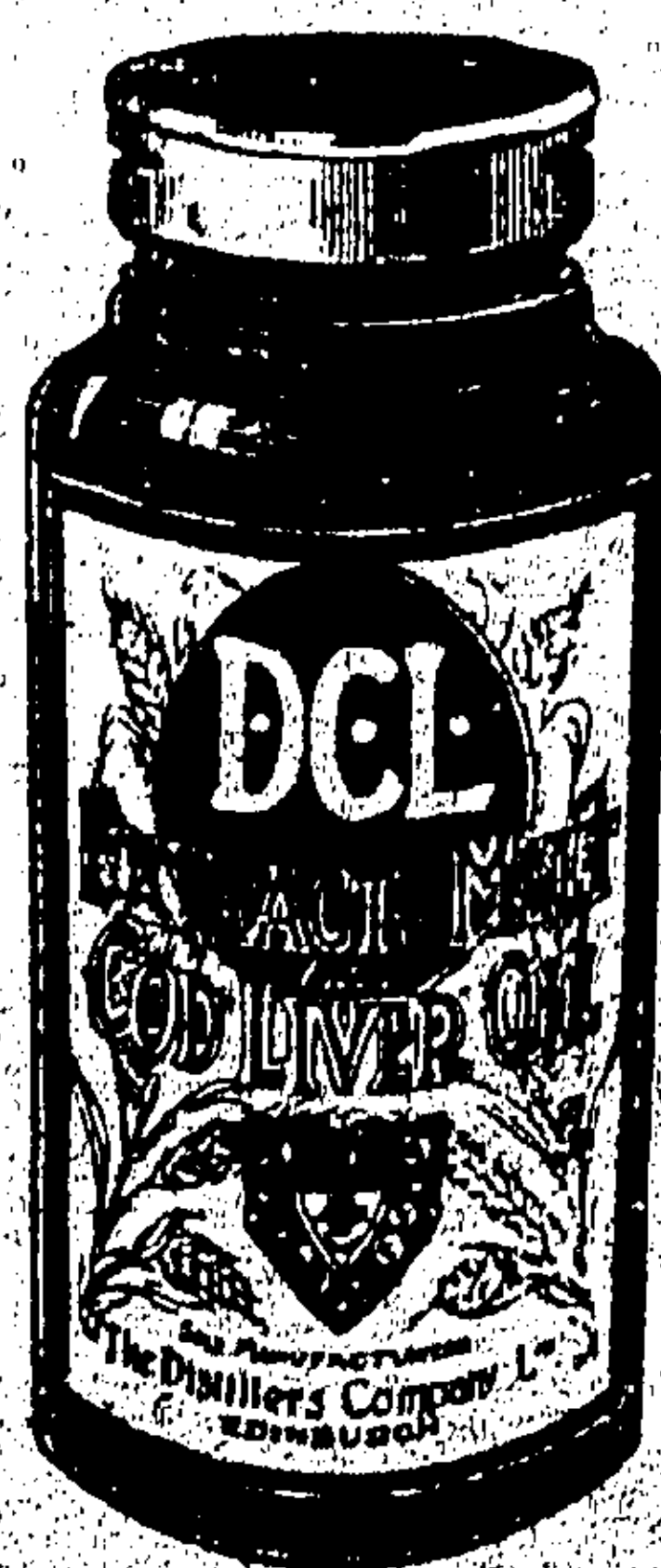
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Frederick Macklow (85), who has died, spent 44 years of his life in the City of London, Poedlaw Institution.

150,000 herrings valued at £225 were caught by the Findochty drifter, "Girl Lily," in a night's fishing in the Moray Firth.

Gunner Wright, one of the British Garrison at Lough Swilly, Co. Donegal, was accidentally shot dead on August 26, while a comrade was cleaning a rifle.

It is understood that a new trust company is being registered under the title of Gordon Selfridge Trust, Ltd., with a capital of £2,000,000, and this concern, which is being formed by Mr. H. Gordon Selfridge and his son Mr. H. G. Selfridge, will acquire from them and retain the whole of the £750,000 Ordinary capital of Selfridge and Co. Mr. H. Gordon Selfridge is chairman and managing director of Selfridge and Co., and his son is a director, and both gentlemen are on the boards of several allied and other companies.

A considerable epidemic of influenza in Scotland during the three months ended June 30 had an influence on the death-rate, as is indicated in the quarterly report of the births, deaths, and marriages in Scotland. Deaths from influenza in all numbered 797, of which 155 were attributed to influenza as the sole cause, and 642 to influenza complicated by other disease, the latter number including 370 deaths due to influenza complicated by other disease, the latter number including 370 deaths due to influenza complicated by pneumonia, and 111 to influenza complicated by bronchitis.

Two reports have been received here of discoveries of ancient buried cities, says a Rector message from Mexico City (by mail). The first of these, a Maya city, was found near the village of Santa Elean, in the State of Chiapas, by a Government scientific party; and the other is said to have been discovered on a ranch near Juxtlahuaca, in the State of Guerrero. Jose Aguilera, one of Mexico's foremost geologists, is doubtful if the Juxtlahuaca caves will reveal an ancient buried city, while various well-known men of science here have reserved the final judgment until a scientific expedition, which is being planned, can investigate the caves and present competent evidence.

Mr. Verhonal Shewaram, an old resident of the Colony, returns to Hong Kong to-day by the s.s. "D'Aragnan." Mr. Shewaram, is one of the proprietors of the Pioneer Silk Store. He has been to Japan and Shanghai, where he was warmly entertained. His staff will turn out in force to welcome him to-day.

Mr. James B. Shackelford, photographer for the Roy Chapman Andrews' expedition, arrived at San Francisco on September 9. He said Mr. Andrews had been obliged to give up his intention of further exploring the Gobi desert because of the refusal of Chinese bandits to permit him to enter Mongolia. Mr. Andrews is returning to the United States, but hopes to make another expedition next year.

At the Church of St. Martin-in-the-Fields, Trafalgar Square, on September 14, the marriage was solemnised between the Rev. Charles Alfred Kemble Irwin, Rector of Swyncombe, Oxon., and Lydia Theresa Cottier, eldest daughter of Sir Charles and Lady Cottier. The bridegroom is the eldest surviving son of the late Rev. J. J. Irwin, D.D., sometime Colonial Chaplain, Hong Kong.

The little Princess Elizabeth is busy making the acquaintance of a considerable circle of Scottish relatives (says the "Star"). Since, with her Royal parents, she arrived at Glamis Castles, there have been many visitors, mostly ladies, who have been longing for some time to see the baby daughter of so popular a mother. Very shortly the Princess will be away in Scotland for quite two months.

It is a far cry from the missionary field of Central China to the Thames Valley, but there Dr. W. A. Tatchell, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., has made an auspicious start as the new Wesleyan minister of the Teddington Circuit. "I am better at practising than preaching," was the modest declaration he made at a big Wesleyan rally held at Hampton recently. Dr. Tatchell's varied experience makes him a very valued newcomer.

Lighting-up time to-day is at 4.02 p.m.

To-morrow is the anniversary of St. Edward the Confessor.

A man described as Kenneth Street, an English manufacturer, has been found dead at Lisbon.

While Jack Hickling the cycling champion, was competing at Southend police sports, burglars stole jewellery and £20 from his house.

Many distinguished international scientists famous for their work on sexual problems are holding a conference in Berlin this month.

During the three days ended yesterday the only case of notifiable disease reported in the Colony was that of a Chinese patient, from the city, with enteric fever (typhoid).

The "China Mail" understands that arrangements have been made for the East Surrey Regiment to go under canvas during their last week in the Colony. According to present arrangements, the Battalion will go into camp on the Murray Parade Ground on October 20. During this period their barracks are to undergo a complete "spring cleaning" in order that they may be ready for the arrival of the incoming regiment—the Scottish Borderers.

With regard to the performance at the Tai Yat Theatre, Yaumatei, on Sunday, the Sacred Heart English School did not charge any gate money and the schools managed by the Rev. Fr. G. M. Spada only participated by invitation in the China National Day celebration. It had been erroneously stated that the proceeds of the performance were in aid of Fr. Spada's schools. Such is not the case and the error is regretted.

Kingston, Jamaica.—Dissatisfaction among the prisoners in the penitentiary here, owing to the difference in diet between Jamaicans and Europeans, culminated seriously recently, when a party of prisoners, some armed with revolvers, attacked the officers and warders, wounding some seriously. The warders fired on their assailants and killed one man, who was serving a life sentence, and seriously wounded another. Several other prisoners were also wounded during the fight. Thirty prisoners escaped, but some of them have been recaptured.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL NEWS.

The forthcoming wedding is announced of Antonio Felipe Vaz, residing at St. Joseph's Villa, to E. B. Ribeiro of Nathan Road, Kowloon.

In connection with the dance at Government House on the 14th inst., we are asked to state that the dress will be white mess jackets, black ties, decorations, etc.

Among the passengers arriving by the Blue Funnel Liner, s.s. "Antenor" are Miss Aileen Woods, Mrs. P. H. Holyoak and the Misses Holyoak, Mrs. K. E. Grieg and Mrs. G. H. Bannerman.

Passengers due to arrive here by s.s. "Atsuta Maru" on Monday include Mr. R. V. Bailey, Rev. E. R. Hughes, Mrs. E. C. A. Ledertoug, Miss K. Ledertoug, Miss I. Ledertoug, Miss J. M. Scotland.

Passengers expected to arrive by s.s. "Mantua" on Thursday, include Rev. H. T. Cook, Rev. N. Evans, Mr. J. A. Farrell, Mrs. B. C. H. Hallows, Mr. H. P. L. Jolly, Mr. and Mrs. J. Murray, Rev. and Mrs. E. A. Preston, Dr. J. H. Sanders and Mrs. G. R. Sayer.

Capt. J. H. Wallace, R.A.O.C., a popular member of the Kowloon Cricket Club, was the guest of several of his club friends on Sunday at a motoring picnic round the New Territories, a halt being made for tiffin at Fanling and at Castle Peak for tea. The party then returned to the K.C.C. where Capt. Wallace's health was drunk. Capt. Wallace is going home on the s.s. "Euraila" which sails on the 25th instant.

In justice to effete Europe it should be pointed out that Mrs. Corson is much more of a Dane than she is an American, while Miss Ederle is the daughter of a German father (says the "Daily News"). Miss Ederle is a brunette, but Mrs. Corson scores a point for the much-discussed blondes. And she wears her fair hair long! A curious psychological reaction to Mrs. Corson's success was apparent in the attitude of many women who congratulated her personally and by wire. They were delighted because her feat was a triumph for the whole race of domesticated women.

A concrete obelisk has been erected on the coast of Queensland, near the spot where Captain Cook landed in 1770.

A new Roman Catholic college for school-masters, built in the grounds of Strawberry Hill House, Twickenham, the former residence of Horace Walpole, was opened last month.

A Chinese witness at the Thames Court took the oath by blowing out a lighted candle. This signified that if he did not tell the truth, his soul, like the flame of the candle, would be extinguished.

Rapid progress is being made in Scotland with the Government housing scheme for 2,000 steel houses, the erection of which many people are watching with great interest in the various areas to which they have been allocated. The less spectacular business of preparing sites has been largely overtaken, and now the houses are to be seen in large numbers and at all stages of preparation and completion. Prospective tenants have been sending in applications ever since the scheme was announced, and many more applications are being received from day to day.

A most interesting discovery, which may lead to further finds, has recently been made at Reay, in Caithness. A human skeleton was found close to where a similar one was found a few years ago. To the north, side of the Drill Hall there appears to be nothing else than a sepulchral tumulus. At the point where the skeleton was found there was, before the drifting sand was blown off, a depth of over five feet, but during the last few years there has been a constant drifting, which has left in some parts the original soil in sight. Mr. A. J. H. Edwards, of the Museum of Antiquities, Edinburgh, happened to be in the district, and the find being brought under his notice, he had it carefully packed up and sent to headquarters. The lower part of the skeleton had been exposed for some time to the weather, and the bones under the knees were gone, but above all the parts were intact. Alongside the skeleton was a battleaxe of iron, with part of the wood handle still in the aperture. There was also a whetstone, with a small hole for attaching it to the belt or girdle. The stone showed in the middle that it had often sharpened the unknown warrior's weapons, either for the battle or the chase.

Among the passengers arriving in Hong Kong from Manila by the R.M.S. "Empress of Asia" yesterday were Signor A. Carpi, of the Italian Grand Opera Company; Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Guffney and Miss A. L. Guffney; Mr. and Mrs. Gibson, Miss A. D. B. Gibson, Miss H. B. M. Gibson, and Miss E. A. V. Gibson; and Mr. L. Yates.

Mr. Miles Lampson, of the Foreign Office, who is expected to succeed Sir Ronald Macleay as British Minister at Peking, is described as a popular figure of whom diplomats speak as second to none for charm and independence. He has a serene outlook which qualifies him for a post of importance. He represented England during Kolchak's unhappy regime in Siberia, and by his Foreign Office friends is called the "genial giant"—for he stands 6 ft. 4 in.

Somebody asked me about Royalty and reading. King George is a voracious devourer of magazines and books (says a London "Evening News" writer). The Prince of Wales has little time to read. But he writes excellent alert letters, spiced with humour and observation; and although people do not know it, he keeps a regular diary. This is written out every evening, carefully, in pencil with that round calligraphy which typifies the Prince's neatness and love of order. Some of the comments in this journal are admirable pen-pictures and potted biographies.

The following appointments to the Malay States, have recently been made by the Secretary of State for the Colonies:—Lieut. E. Sykes, Assistant Superintendent of Customs; Miss D. M. Hanford, Nursing Sister; Miss D. Matthews, Nursing Sister; Mr. A. B. Walton, B.Sc., Assistant Conservator of Forests; Miss C. M. Saunders, Nursing Sister; Miss E. G. Hill, Nursing Sister; Miss W. H. Mitchell, M.B., Ch.B., Lady Medical Officer; Mr. E. E. Sprout, Assistant Telegraph Engineer; Posts and Telegraphs Department; Miss M. E. O'Sullivan, Nursing Sister; Miss F. W. Perry, Assistant Superintendent, Posts and Telegraphs Department; Miss M. T. Toole, Nursing Sister.

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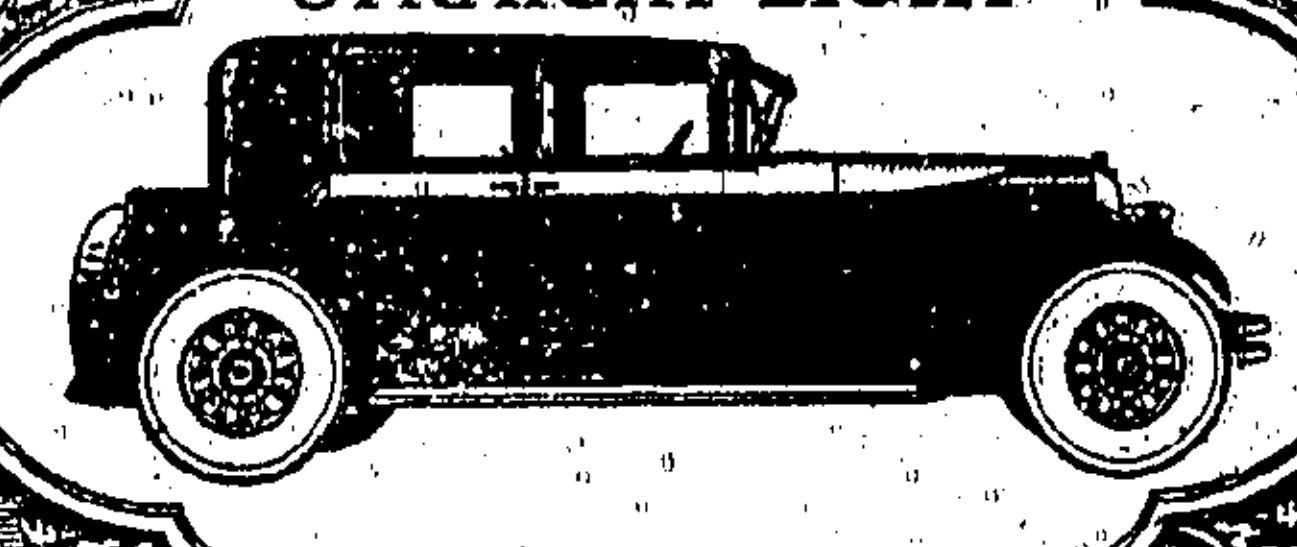
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SPORTS SECTION

HOLIDAY CRICKET.

RAIN SPOILS INTERPORT TRIAL.

CONCLUDING SCORES.

Rain at different times throughout the day spoiled yesterday's interport cricket trial, continued from Saturday on the H.K.C.C. ground.

On Saturday, Mr. Mitchell's team had made 192 and Mr. Hayward's team were 15 runs for 2 wickets down. Sayer (not out overnight) opened with Rumjahn. Hayward's side were dismissed for 145. Mitchell declared his 2nd innings closed with 111 for 6 wickets and Hayward's XI scored 33 for 1 in the remaining 30 minutes.

Mitchell's side did force the pace in the 2nd innings, getting their runs in an hour.

Far too many batsmen were inclined to poke about instead of going for the bowling when there was nothing in the pitch to give the bowlers any assistance.

Small's work behind the sticks impressed.

There were no batsmen discoveries in the match except, perhaps, Major Lightfoot. Captain Bridgland made a lot of runs. Fincher gave a chance after 30 and went on to score 64 not out. Parker had two fairly good scores, mainly through hard hitting and playing the right game.

The wicket gave no help to the bowlers yesterday but many a possible failed with the bat on a batsman's wicket. Bowler was well up to reputation in his bowling and Goodwin also notched a few good marks towards selection.

Sayer's slow bowler till the gap left by the Rev. E. K. Quick.

Vallack's deliveries had some of the batsmen guessing but that can hardly be put down to brilliance.

Mitchell brought off one of his many marvellous catches out in the country when it was quite dark. Ramsay did well in the slips and in other respects some of the fielding was decidedly encouraging. Full scores follow:

Mr. Mitchell's Team—1st

Innings.

J. C. Lyle, run out . . . 8

G. P. Lammert, b Bowler . . . 4

Capt. Brownjohn, c Rumjahn, b Bowler . . . 8

Major Lightfoot, st. Ismail, b Bowler . . . 7

E. J. R. Mitchell, c Fincher, b Rumjahn . . . 11

Capt. Bridgland, b Bowler . . . 45

S. Jex, c Hayward, b Bowler . . . 10

Capt. Evers, b Wales . . . 33

J. A. Summers, c Ramsay, b Bowler . . . 9

H. V. Parker, c Hayward, b Wales . . . 30

F. Goodwin, not out . . . 17

G. R. Vallack, c Hayward, b Bowler . . . 10

Extras . . . 10

Total . . . 192

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

O. M. R. W.

Bowler . . . 24.1 7 54 7

Wales . . . 16 0 62 2

Rumjahn . . . 13 1 41 1

Oliver . . . 6 1 18 0

Ramsay . . . 2 0 7 0

Mr. Hayward's Team—1st

Innings.

A. W. Hayward, c Lightfoot, b Summers . . . 3

G. R. Sayers, b Vallack . . . 19

A. W. Ramsay, b Goodwin . . . 6

A. A. Rumjahn, run out . . . 7

H. E. S. Standage, st. Jex, b Vallack . . . 1

E. C. Fincher, not out . . . 64

Capt. R. A. Walters, b Goodwin . . . 10

R. E. H. Oliver, c Jex, b Parker . . . 0

J. D. Humphreys, lb.w., b Bridgland . . . 12

S. A. Ismail, b Lyle . . . 1

A. C. L. Bowler, b Goodwin . . . 2

C. D. Wales, c Lammert, b Goodwin . . . 11

Extras . . . 9

Total . . . 145

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

O. M. R. W.

Goodwin . . . 14 5 30 3

Summers . . . 8 1 15 1

Lyle . . . 12 3 35 1

Vallack . . . 7 2 16 2

Parker . . . 7 2 14 1

Bridgland . . . 4 0 29 2

Mr. Mitchell's Team 2nd

Innings.

Major Lightfoot, c Ramsay, b Wales . . . 21

G. P. Lammert, c Wales, b Bowler . . . 0

Capt. Brownjohn, c Ramsay, b Bowler . . . 7

Bowler . . . 43

H. V. Parker, st. Ismail, b Sayer . . . 27

E. J. R. Mitchell, not out . . . 8

F. Goodwin, c Hayward, b Sayer . . . 1

Total . . . 227

J. C. Lyle, not out . . . 3

Extras . . . 1

Total (for 8 wks.) . . . 111

S. Jex, J. A. Summers, G. R. Vallack and Capt. Evers did not bat.

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

O. M. R. W.

Bowler . . . 11 1 40 3

Wales . . . 4 0 26 1

Rumjahn . . . 3 0 23 0

Sayer . . . 4 0 21 2

Mr. Hayward's Team—2nd

Innings.

A. W. Ramsay, c Mitchell, b Vallack . . . 17

A. A. Rumjahn, not out . . . 12

C. D. Wales, not out . . . 4

Extras . . . 4

Total (for 1 wkt.) . . . 33

Capt. Walters, H. E. Standage, A. W. Ramsay, G. R. Sayer, R. E. H. Oliver, J. D. Humphreys, S. A. Ismail, A. C. L. Bowler and E. C. Fincher did not bat.

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

O. M. R. W.

Goodwin . . . 5 0 11 0

Summers . . . 4 2 4 0

Vallack . . . 4 0 7 1

Lyle . . . 4 1 7 0

KOWLOON MATCH.

In an all-day match at home, the Kowloon C.C. defeated the Hong Kong C.C. 2nd XI by 126 runs.

Batting first, the home team just passed the double century mark when their last man was dismissed. J. E. Hancock contributed 88 runs, towards the total of 203.

The visitors were only able to make 77 runs, Armstrong being top scorer with 27.

Duncan (3 for 8) and Capt. Bevis (6 for 33) were successful bowlers for the home team. For the visitors, Hazeland took two wickets for six runs.

K.C.C. 2nd XI.

Capt. F. C. Bevis, b Reed . . . 14

C. F. Evans, b Plummer . . . 0

D. S. Green, b Plummer . . . 8

H. T. Buxton, lb.w. Reed . . . 10

J. E. Hancock, b Hazeland . . . 88

E. G. Ranton, b Reed . . . 28

L. A. R. Duncan, c Reed, b Lee . . . 10

E. B. Norton, lb.w. Hazeland . . . 10

H. Athens, b Reed . . . 9

J. D. Murphy, not out . . . 10

F. Angus, b Reed . . . 10

Extras . . . 15

Total . . . 203

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

O. M. R. W.

Reed . . . 15.3 1 65 5

Plummer . . . 15 1 67 2

Lee . . . 8 0 37 1

Orr . . . 3 0 13 0

Hazeland . . . 3 1 6 2

H.K.C.C. 2nd XI.

D. E. G. Nicholson, c Buxton, b Bevis . . . 2

H. J. Armstrong, c Evans, b Duncan . . . 27

D. Reed, b Bevis . . . 10

J. A. Plummer, b Bevis . . . 9

M. M. Watson, c Green, b Bevis . . . 10

A. J. Hazeland, b Bevis . . . 6

F. T. Orr, c & b Bevis . . . 7

R. W. Lee, c Murphy, b Duncan . . . 12

H. K. Remington, b Evans . . . 4

F. Nichols, not out . . . 3

D. A. Rushton, b Duncan . . . 4

Extras . . . 6

Total . . . 77

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

O. M. R. W.

Hancock . . . 7 2 21 0

Bevis . . . 9 2 33 6

Duncan . . . 6.3 2 8 3

Evans . . . 4 0 9 1

CIVIL SERVICE v. KOWLOON.

A match on the Civil Service ground with a team from the Kowloon C.C. as visitors ended in a draw with the honours in favour of the home team.

Several home players were in form and assisted in a total of 237 runs, highest scorers being Lawrence (60) and Baker (47).

The visitors had lost seven wickets for 147 runs when stumps were drawn. Fincher being responsible for 58.

Eight bowlers on each side shared the attack.

Civil Service.

F. E. Lawrence, c Gittins, b Ross . . . 60

R. S. W. Paterson, st. Smith, b Ross . . . 23

D. Davies, c Overy, b Ross . . . 2

B. Baker, c Overy, b Guest . . . 47

Oswick, c Raven, b Guest . . . 23

T. W. Carr, c Lee, b Ross . . . 1

H. F. Westlake, run out . . . 38

B. D. Evans, c Fincher, b Overy . . . 28

Armstrong, b Fincher . . . 4

T. Robertson, not out . . . 0

Extras . . . 3

Total . . . 227

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

O. M. R. W.

Fincher . . . 5 0 29 1

Lee . . . 3 0 16 0

Overy . . . 3 0 17 0

Ross . . . 8.3 0 49 1

Gittins . . . 14 2 60 4

Hamblyn . . . 5 1 24 0

Guest . . . 5 1 22 3

Kowloon C.C.

E. F. Fincher, b Kelly . . . 58

Geo. Lee, c Paterson, b Kelly . . . 25

A. A. Dand, lb.w. Oswick . . . 10

A. R. F. Raven, c & b Kelly . . . 0

S. V. Gittins, b Baker . . . 5

W. Guest, not out . . . 23

A. Ross, c Carr, b Oswick . . . 6

Smith, c Kelly, b Evans . . . 6

Extras . . . 13

Total (for 7 wks.) . . . 147

F. Hamblyn, A. E. Jordan and H. Overy did not bat.

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

O. M. R. W.

Baker . . . 11 4 23 1

Robertson . . . 8 1 19 0

Evans . . . 5.5 0 16 1

Lawrence . . . 5 0 28 0

Westlake . . . 4 1 8 0

Kelly . . . 5 2 9 3

Oswick . . . 4 0 20 2

Paterson . . . 2 0 6 0

UNIVERSITY v. D. B. S.

A team of twelve representing the Diocesan Boys' School travelled to Pokfulam yesterday for a match against a team of twelve from the University.

Batting first, the home team scored 119 runs for 10 wickets and declared.

Light had become very bad before the time arranged for drawing of stumps, but the home team very generously carried on until the School topped the score at the expense of five wickets.

University Team.

K. T. Loke, b A. Lee . . . 19

B. N. Sudan, b A. Lee . . . 3

F. Hiptoola, b Mackay . . . 3

C. K. Ong, b E. Lee . . . 8

C. H. Yeoh, b E. Lee . . . 20

R. Chan Wah, st. Fox, b Mackay . . . 23

A. B. Suliman, c Lee, b E. Lee . . . 2

A. Lee . . . 22

H. T. Barra, not out . . . 7

A. A. Aziz, b Mackay . . . 0

N. P. Karanjia, b Mackay . . . 0

B. H. Schroter, not out . . . 7

Extras . . . 7

Total (for 10 wks.) 119

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

O. M. R. W.

A. Lee . . . 17 7 40 3

Mackay . . . 19 6 41 4

Clarke . . . 3 2 2 0

E. Lee . . . 5 1 15 3

F. I. Zimmerman . . . 3 1 4 0

W. H. Kwan . . . 3 1 10 9

D. B. S. Team.

F. I. Zimmerman, b Chan Wah . . . 37

D. Anderson, b Chan Wah . . . 47

N. Mackay, lb.w., b Hiptoola . . . 1

W. T. Featherstone, b Chan Wah . . . 10

A. Lee, b Hiptoola . . . 0

W. H. Kwan, not out . . . 6

R. Gerrard, not out . . . 12

Extras . . . 18

(Total for 5 wks.) 121

E. Lee, J. E. Youngsaye, A. Clark, F. R. Zimmerman and J. A. Fox did not bat.

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

O. M. R. W.

Suliman . . . 6 1 16 0

Hiptoola . . . 9 3 20 2

Sudan . . . 2 1 14 0

Chan Wah . . . 9 0 42 3

Loke . . . 3 0 21 0

SCOTS LOSE.

ENGLISH VETERANS' FINE VICTORY.

London, Sept. 14.

The historic international four-some match of 1905 in which Harry Vardon and J. H. Taylor beat James Braid and Alex. Hurd by 13 and 12 is recalled by the same players meeting in a similar match at St. Albans.

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People and Events in the News of the World



The Right Honourable Vincent Massey, Minister of the Interior, is seen in his private life, when he is not engaged in his official duties.



Mr. Verhomal Shewaram, proprietor of the Pioneer Silk Store who returned to the Colony to-day after a holiday in Japan.



A charming French lady and her husband, who are visiting the Colony, are seen in their private life, when they are not engaged in their official duties.



Big Bill Tilden, singles tennis champion, is caught while lifting off the court a low, when making a difficult attempt to return William M. Johnston's fast volley, during a match at the Westchester Biltmore Country Club.



General Lincoln A. Andrews was snapped as he returned to America from Europe, ready to renew his battle with "booze." His smile testified to the success of his mission.



K. K. Rockne, football coach at Notre Dame, and Dr. W. E. Meanwell, basket-ball coach at Wisconsin University direct activities of school in which 245 coaches are enrolled. Photo shows Coach Rockne demonstrating the use of hands in line play.

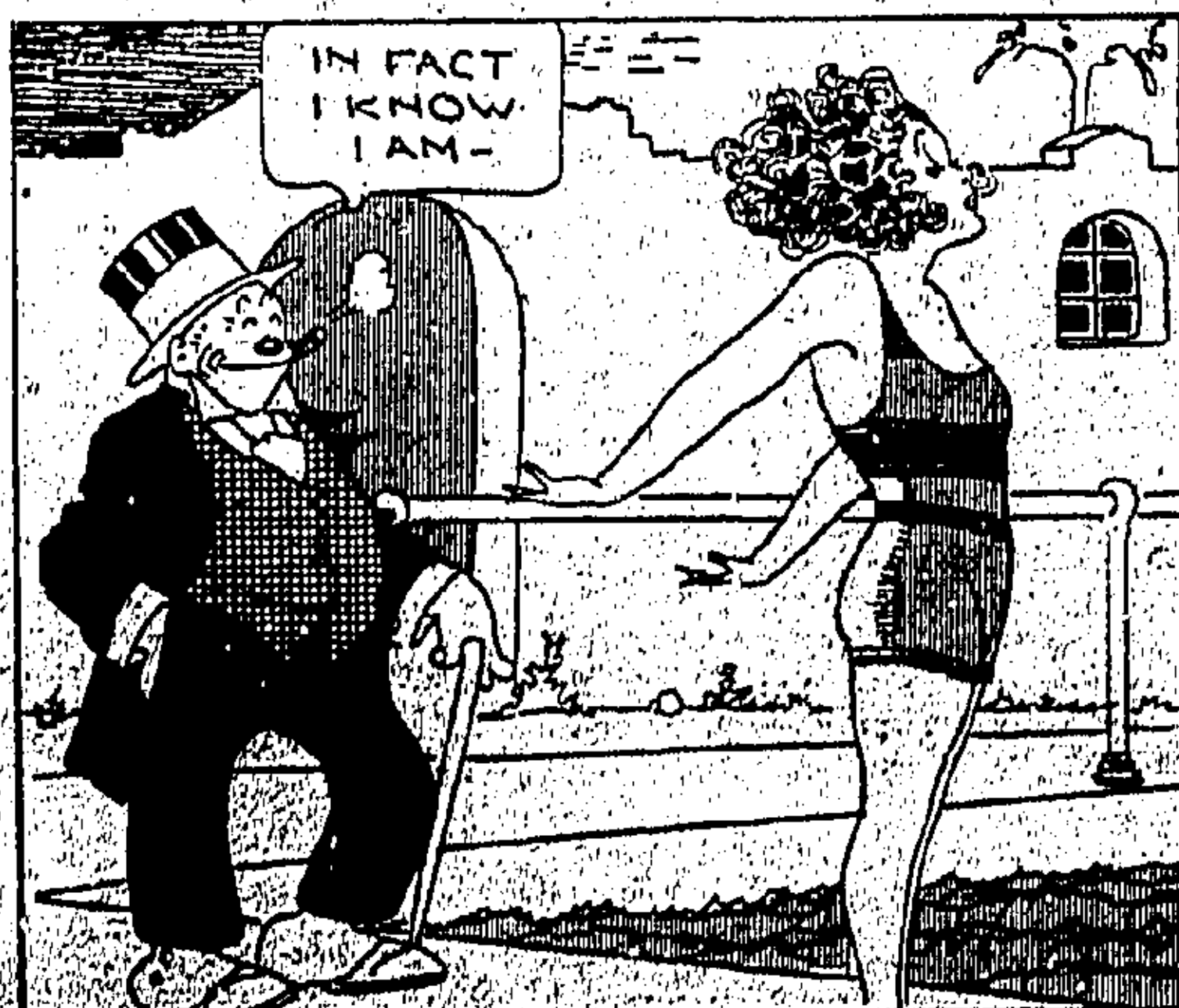
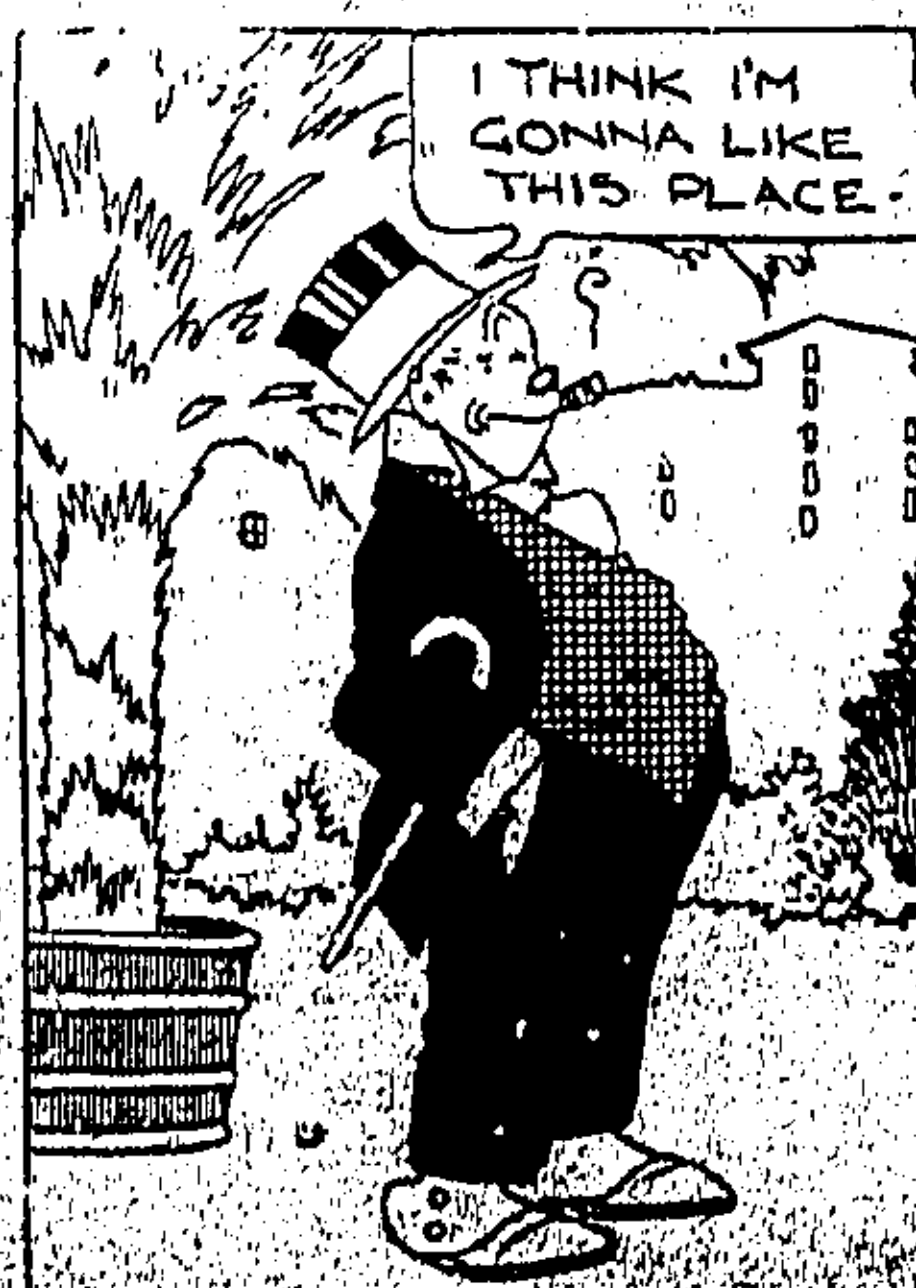


Bronze statue of "Laddie Boy," the Alredale, which was the canine companion of the late President Harding. The statue was cast from 19,314 pennies contributed by the Roosevelt Newboys Association of carrier boys throughout America. It is on exhibition in Boston, and will be transferred to a permanent niche in the Smithsonian Institute, Washington. Miss Frances Kenner is shown with the statue, giving an idea of its size.



Major-General Hugh Scott (retired) smoked the pipe of peace with representatives of 20 Indian tribes at the Fort Union memorial celebration on the occasion of the Columbia River Historical Expedition. Photograph shows the General about to take the pipe from the mouth of old "Chief Inahale Much," of the Glacier National Park reservation.

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SNIPES SHOOTING.

PASTIME REQUIRING KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL.

HABITS OF THE BIRD.

The "Times of Ceylon" publishes the text of a radio talk delivered by Dr. Lucius Nichols, Director of the Bacteriological Institute, on "Snipe and Snipe Shooting." He said:—

Five species of snipe have been found in Ceylon. Of these, four are visitors, and one, the Painted snipe, breeds in Ceylon. Only one of these five species occurs in large numbers in the island, and consequently it is the bird which concerns the sportsman. This is the Pintail snipe, so-called because there are six small, narrow feathers—the Pin feathers—hidden under each side of the large feathers of the tail. They can be seen when the principal tail feathers are widely separated. Very little is known of the breeding places of the Pintail snipe, but it is stated it breeds in Northern Asia. Probably those birds which reach Ceylon do not breed as far north as the Indian birds. During the end of August and at the beginning of September flights of a few birds arrive in Ceylon; as the season advances larger flights arrive, and continue to do so until December. Apparently they leave the island far more suddenly than they arrive. They commence to depart during the second half of April, and it is rare for any except a few stragglers to remain after May 1. Any Pintail snipe which are seen in Ceylon after May, are probably wounded birds which have been unable to join the flights of their fellows. One or two nests of Pintail snipe have been found in Ceylon.

Snipe feed throughout the day, but most voraciously during the early morning and evening. They are less alert during the midday hours; and in the hot months of March and April they often seek the deep shade of the jungle, and occasionally they may be flushed from large trees of thick foliage, in which they rest upon the larger trunks. The formation of their feet does not allow them to perch on small boughs or twigs.

The Worm-Grubbing Snipe. It may appear astonishing that snipe are able to find grubs and worms several inches below the surface of the mud, especially when these creatures are fairly widely distributed. Anyone who wishes to observe snipe feeding should repair to a bank of a tank below which is a good feeding ground for snipe. If the observer is patient and watchful, and stalks carefully along the bank, he may be rewarded by seeing a bird feeding close to him. And this is what he will see. The snipe gently passes his beak into the mud, and remains still, as though he held his senses alert like an animal listening. Suddenly the beak is withdrawn, one or two rapid steps are taken to the right or to the left, backwards or forwards, and the beak is plunged quickly into a chosen spot, and a struggling worm or grub is withdrawn and swallowed.

The beak is a delicate organ well supplied with nerves and when it is passed into the mud the vibrations of the slightest movements of worms or grubs in the neighbourhood are felt by it, and tell the snipe of the exact position of its lowly victim.

How to Shoot Snipe.

But, to the shooting of snipe. Many men attempt to shoot these active birds with any old fowling piece, and wonder at their lack of success; and yet the gun of a sportsman is as important as the bat of a cricketer, the clubs of a golfer, or the racket of a tennis player. A good gun cannot be manufactured; it must be built, and it is a pleasant thought that no first class shot gun has ever been built in any country except England.

The best advertisement for this is the fact that almost all the guns used in the best American duck clubs are English. There are only about half a dozen first-class gun builders in the world, such as Purdy, Greener, Lancaster, Holland and Holland, and Rigby; these are followed fairly closely by such firms as Jeffries, Evans, Westley-Rickards and others; but some of these firms manufacture cheap guns, which they facetiously call gamekeeper's guns. A gun cannot be built for less than about forty guineas. Rifles can be manufactured, but that is another matter. In damp climates, such as Ceylon, guns require constant attention or they will soon rust and degenerate.

Habits of the Birds.

The art of snipe shooting may be divided into two categories—namely, a knowledge of guns and of the first principles of shooting. The former of these requires much experience and study, especially if the sportsman wishes to acquire a sound knowledge of snipe fields, and to realise where the birds will be feeding under any particular circumstances.

Once the birds have arrived in Ceylon they do not leave until the end of April, and therefore the birds may always be found during the snipe season. Yet one often hears that someone has failed to obtain a good bag because the country was flooded or was too dry. It is during floods or droughts that the best bags can be made in these days of motor transport, when one may travel quickly from one locality to another. The feeding-grounds are confined to a few well-marked high areas during floods, and to equally well-marked low-lying areas during droughts.

In certain parts of Ceylon

especially in the south, the snipe go into the jungle during floods, but even then there can be found widely-scattered areas in the open teeming with snipe which have been disturbed from their usual grounds. Snipe avoid heavy jungle where it is difficult for them to rise to wing quickly, and will not enter it under any circumstances if lighter cover is available. When the soft muddy areas of paddy fields are shrinking during dry weather, and there is little or no cover on their few feeding grounds, the birds will often lie up during the hottest hours of the day on some dry open lands on which weeds have grown up almost knee high.

Correct Use of Shot Gun.

There are quite a few general principles for the correct use of a shot gun. A good shot does not squint down his gun or "aim" at the bird, as well might a cricketer squint down his bat and aim at the ball. He glues his eyes upon the bird and is almost unconscious of the existence of his barrels. We

The birds are sufficiently difficult to hit for most of us after they have settled down, rise well in range, and are evenly distributed over the fields. Therefore about 7-30 is the best time to commence shooting.

Hints to Beginners.

I would give the following advice to a beginner:—

1. The fields do not belong to you, so you must be careful not to disturb cattle, or fire near working buffaloes. Never walk in growing paddy. The villager is usually courteous and obliging.

2. Keep looking round to see if there are any villagers within range; if there are too many people about, go elsewhere.

3. If you happen "to pepper" anyone, pay compensation at once, even if you must pay exorbitantly. At one time the price was a rupee for a shot mark. But that was the pre-war rate.

4. It is best never to shoot with more than one other gun in the field; but keep in line with him and go slowly, you will not get more birds by going fast over the ground. Always wait for your partner when he is looking for a dead bird.

5. Carry your gun pointing to the ground in front of you. Never carry it with the barrels resting on the left arm, for if your partner is to the left of you, it will be pointing at him. Always unload your gun when going through a fence.

Snipe are undoubtedly a great delicacy as a food, but the slaughter of them is disapproved by some people. Yet it is an arduous pastime requiring knowledge and skill. I know of no sounder exercise or better sport than a three hours' struggle through muddy lands teeming with snipe. The car has been left at the nearest road side and on the return to it the birds on the snipe sticks are delightedly viewed and counted.

And then a bottle of beer tops the morning.

AT THE STAR.

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There are many well-known names in the notable cast of "The Lost Chord." Among the favourites are Dagmar Gdowsky, Faure Binney, Alice Lake, Henry Sedley and David Powell.

SUNRISE AND SUNSET IN HONG KONG FOR OCTOBER, 1926.

(Standard Time of the 120th Meridian, East or Greenwich.)

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A Soviet Russian bulletin

states that a Polar expedition is leaving Vladivostok for the Wrangel Island. The object is the investigation of the movements of the northern ice floes and the collection of specimens of flora and fauna of the island. It is estimated that the expedition will be away for about three years.

COMFORT FOR THE AGED.

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will assume that a sportsman is staggering ankle deep through a paddy field, his nerves are at tension for the rising of a bird; one springs to wing at thirty yards, now is the time for rapid and good footwork, as with most other games the player must be "on his toes," one or two short steps should assure him of a good stance facing to where the bird is flying, the gun is brought to the shoulder, both eyes are on the snipe, and if the bird is crossing, the barrels are directed behind it and brought forward past the bird until they point to a spot which appears to be at least a yard in front of the bird, and the gun must be fired while it is still in motion. The bird is moving and so must the gun be. The "follow through" is most important in shooting.

The "Follow Through."

The most difficult bird is the bird that goes straight away from the sportsman and continues to rise as it goes away. The difficulty in this case is because for this flight the principle of the "follow through," namely, the firing with a moving gun is so easily forgotten. For this shot the gun is swept upwards from pointing to the ground beneath the bird, and as the barrels rise above the bird and it is hidden by the barrels, the gun is fired and assuredly the snipe will drop.

At dawn the snipe seek their

feeding-grounds and are very unsettled for the first two hours after daybreak, and during this time most of them rise out of range and often at the sound of the guns all in the field will rise and depart elsewhere. Some people consider that it is sporting to shoot soon after dawn, but it usually results in many birds flying away wounded, and a small bag.

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